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FRESH SEAFOOD?



One of the first questions people ask when they visit our area is
“How can we be sure we’re getting fresh seafood?”

That’s an excellent question. In the state of Florida, even though it is surrounded by water, more than 90% of the seafood sold this year will be imported from other countries.

Throughout the United States, the huge majority of seafood is imported. Most of it is mislabeled. Frozen seafood is sold as “fresh” and imported seafood is sold as “local”. According to Oceana, 93% of fish sold as red snapper is actually some other species. 57% of tuna sold at sushi bars throughout the country is not tuna. Most of the tilapia served in this country comes from Viet Nam and Thailand and much

of it is farmed in waters with sewage run-off and the source of feed is pig feces.

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Claire Chaffin
and Jessie Ruple
Emerald Coast
Volleyball Week
April 25-28

The Boardwalk on Okaloosa Island

Opening Remarks

Why Lists?

- 1. To get a bunch of people we love in a single issue.
- 2. To inspire hateful debate on social media.
- 3. Readers' attention spans tend to favor shorter pieces these days.
- 4. Are you bored yet?

Love,
Editor Manson

YOUR THOUGHTS AND COMMENTS

I enjoy reading (Charles Morgan's) columns in the Beachcomber ("It's Not Augusta National," April 11-24 issue). I respect and generally agree with your values and your politics.

I am a beachfront property owner in Walton County. I don't disagree with your view that that beachfront property is a unique form of ownership and that owners are "burdened." I wasn't aware of the burden when I purchased the property in 1990, and in truth for the first 25 years, the burden wasn't a burden; people came to the beach from all over, and somehow we all survived.

However, the world has changed. Just as you bemoan the effect that greed and development run amok have had on Destin, we are obliged to recognize a similar effect on Walton County beaches, attributable in large part to the same villains.

I continue to believe that the public, be they from the north side of 30A or from Kansas, should have access to the beaches. At the same time, the rights of



Editor Manson gets all Joe Biden with Beachcomber Music Award winner Casey Kearney at the April Bands of 30A concert, effectively quashing his 2020 presidential aspirations. Also, Enlightened Studios, you're welcome!

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This Issue's Contributors

Claire Chaffin and Jessie Ruple (Cover) are ready to rock the court as “Team Floyd’s” (Shrimp House) at Emerald Coast Volleyball Week’s Spring tournament now through **April 28** at The Boardwalk on Okaloosa Island. The Tennessee locals have drifted south each Spring and Fall for the five-day tournament for almost a decade.

Seagrove Beach resident **Nikki Hedrick** (Various Places Around the Magazine) is a photographer and longtime *Beachcomber* contributor. She is the co-owner of 850 Music and Entertainment, and wears a few other hats, too. Nikki is currently up to her ears in beach wedding season.

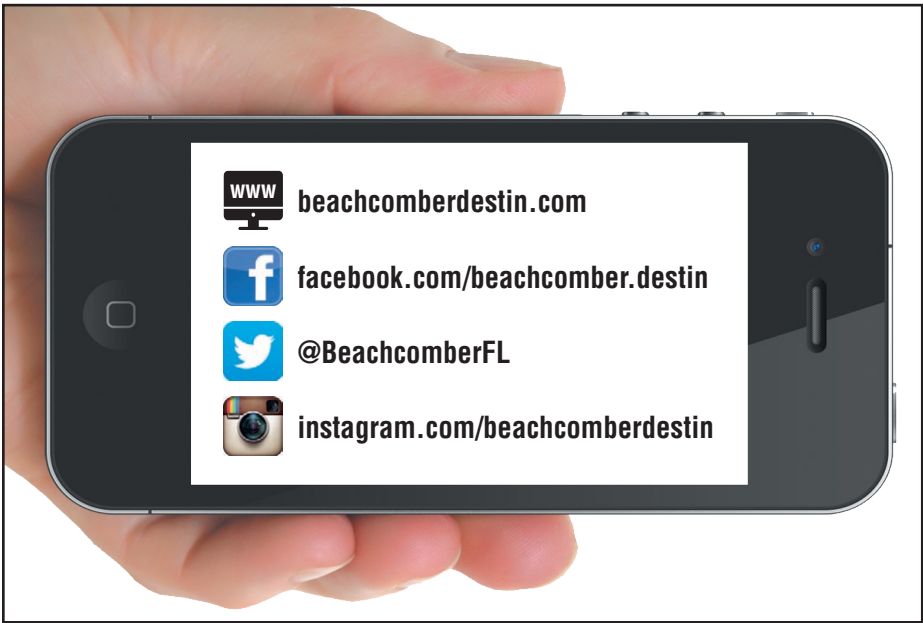
Bill Herrin (“You Could Judge a Book by Its Cover, But...”) has worked with newspapers, ad agencies, and companies of all sizes as a graphic designer, art director, creative director, copywriter, illustrator, artist and freelance cartoonist. He has lived on the Emerald Coast for two years, and finds the area to be a perfect fit for him and his wife. Bill also plays drums in a local cover band (Catalyst) that performs all over Beachcomberland.

Clay Jones (Cartoons) syndicates his cartoons daily to publications across the country. Clay was born in Fort Hood, Texas, and was raised in Louisiana, Illinois, California and Georgia. He currently lives in Fredericksburg, Virginia. His cartoons have recently been featured on CNN, and he was a finalist for the 2019 Herblock Prize.

Subscribe to the **Claytoonz** YouTube channel and watch Clay Jones create his masterpieces and demystify the whole cartooning thing.

The Best FREE Publications on the Emerald Coast

- 1. Beachcomber.** Tons of useful information and exclusive content (Charles Morgan, Horrorscopes, Dear Dawn, etc.). Published bi-weekly.
- 2. inWeekly.** Pensacola tabloid covers local issues with a sure hand, and there’s good info about local events. Worth a drive to Gulf Breeze or beyond to pick up a copy. Published weekly (duh).
- 3. Thrifty Nickel.** They keep fighting the good fight against Craigslist, and the Spot the Bible Verse Hidden Amongst the Classifieds is always a reliable time waster. Published every Thursday.
- 4. The Destin Fishing Rodeo Guide.** A beautiful slick publication that rolls out every October to tie in with one of Destin’s most loved events.
- 5. Life’s a Beach.** As far as tourist-centric publications go, this one gets the nod for its use of local artists on the cover when they could just as easily have gone with a dolphin cruise coupon.



Opening Remarks CONTINUED...

the beachfront property owners cannot be abrogated. Beachfront property owners have the right to enjoy their property. Having two or three gazebo/tents, each with overflowing chairs, making getting to the water difficult, football/volleyball games strung out across the beach prohibiting sitting, unfilled holes which are dangerous to people and animals and detrimental to the beach itself are all inappropriate limitations on owners’ enjoyment.

Unfortunately, we are where we are, and we cannot go back to a more genteel time.

As you have said repeatedly, Destin will never again be a cozy fishing village, and Walton County beaches will never be able to accommodate visitors as they did in the past. To allow visitors and beachfront property owners to coexist, rational beach rules, supported and reinforced by education and enforcement, are necessary.

If done correctly, I believe the above recommendation would be acceptable to most and might quiet the crazies on both sides of this issue, including the people mentioned in your article living in communities without access for the public.

- William Higgins

In his rambling diatribe about customary use, Charles Morgan III, owner of Harbor Docks restaurant, selectively quotes the law, praises a feckless Walton County Commissioner with zero public service experience as a “throwback to the old days,” likens having beachfront property to buying a house next to an airport runway, and uses biblical quotes to imply God must be on the side of the customary use folks.

Morgan also had a cartoonist slander former Governor Mike Huckabee for placing a “no trespassing” sign on his beachfront property. Morgan must not be interested in knowing Huckabee never did that.

Morgan wants readers to believe there’s a 50-year legal precedent that gives the public access to all Florida beaches. If so, why did the state of Florida sell Panhandle beaches to private parties? Morgan must believe the state gave legal title to people when it didn’t have the authority to do so.

Morgan failed to mention that the Florida legislature passed HB 631 last year, which (in spite of how many people have not read it or have misread it) states that counties cannot unilaterally seize private property for public use. HB 631 says that right is reserved for only the courts. But people like Morgan who rant about “the beaches belong to everybody” don’t want the legal system to address the issue. They want justice by shouting and public opinion.

Morgan is right about one thing. The beaches should belong to everyone. The state of Florida should never have sold the beaches years ago in an effort to populate the barren Panhandle. But it’s too late to unfry that egg. Now Walton County, in spite of its tired and inadequate infrastructure, has four million visitors a year who pump 3.5 billion dollars into the local economy, so commissioners want every grain of sand they can find in order to keep the bed taxes rolling in.

Mr. Morgan, there is a solution that will alleviate your angst, and it doesn’t involve stealing private property.

Walton County, perhaps with help from the folks in Tallahassee, can get out the checkbook and buy back the beaches that were sold years ago. The Fifth Amendment of our Constitution prescribes the legal principle of eminent domain, which means government can’t seize private property without just compensation. Do you really want government to have the right to take away private property just because it wants to?

Mr. Morgan, it’s time to rally your pals for another meeting on May Day Island. It may not have a Harbor Docks restaurant, but it does have a Basin Bayou Social Club.

- Art Miller

Editor’s Note: The Mike Huckabee cartoon Mr. Miller refers to did not appear in the magazine. I might have shared something by the excellent Pensacola News Journal cartoonist Andy Marlette on our Facebook page, or maybe it was my own page.

Alaqua's Hero Dogs: Headed for Hollywood?

Alaqua Animal Refuge is proud to announce that four Alaqua alumni dogs have been nominated for the national American Humane Hero Dog Awards, which celebrates the incredible relationship between dogs and people, and also recognizes the extraordinary acts of heroism performed by ordinary dogs.

Dogs are the very best of our friends, and these awards highlight their stories and remind us all of the value of our pets, and what they mean to us every single day.

Each of the four Alaqua dogs nominated found their second chance at Alaqua, and are now living in loving homes where they continue to prosper and touch our lives, as well as the lives of others. Congratulations to the following sweet dogs—**Elsa, Rufus, Saylor** and **Sunni**.

Elsa, a therapy dog living in Niceville, is a 10-year old Great Pyrenees that is trained as a registered therapy dog. She works with her owner four days a week at the Niceville Children's Advocacy Center, The Manor in Bluewater Bay, Rocky Bayou Elementary School, and the Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport. She has become a hero to thousands of children and adults with her over 230 (and counting) therapy dog visits. Elsa is also the biggest hero to her own family since her owner's son was diagnosed with cancer. Through his chemotherapy treatments and fight for his life, Elsa has provided love, support and hope for the entire family.

Rufus, a senior bloodhound, came to Alaqua after neighbors living nearby in Panama City discovered he was living on his own. Sadly, his family had evacuated during Hurricane Michael without him.

Seven weeks after the horrific storm had passed, Rufus had returned to the only home he had known, where neighbors found him trying to survive however he could. He was emaciated, and his eyes oozed with fungus. At Alaqua, Rufus found shelter, safety, and a second chance, including the dire medical attention he so terribly needed.

This past February, Rufus joined a loving hospice family and home where he will live the remainder of his years in comfort, and most importantly, being loved. His hospice foster mom writes: "He is our hero. Rufus represents the tenacity, spirit and strength of a community. His valor, fortitude and bravery personify the effort of heroic citizens, each helping one another."

Saylor lives in Panama City with her incredible forever mom, who just so happens to be one of Alaqua's amazing and giving volunteers. Sadly, Saylor's human mom lost her home during Hurricane Michael, causing her to surrender her pets to Alaqua in an effort to give them a better life while she tried to rebuild her life and relocate. Saylor had sustained internal damage to her little body, and tests showed her diaphragm was impaired and her intestines were not situated in her chest properly, making it hard for her breathe. She also had a broken pelvic bone and tail.

Determined to give this little girl the best possible second chance, Alaqua provided medical care to fix her internal issues. During a critical time of aftercare, Saylor was initially fostered but soon fit right in with the family's "pack of pets" and was adopted quickly into their home. Despite the odds, Saylor is doing magnificent and is very active playing and running with her new human and dog family.



Elsa



Saylor



Rufus



Sunni

Sunni, a tiny Yorkshire terrier, was found living outside in a rough neighborhood after she was abandoned by her owners. With no use of her rear legs, she was dragging herself around outside with no home and no care. Alaqua heard about Sunni and arranged transportation for her to be brought to the Refuge from two states away. Sunni underwent medical care for skin disease and a urinary infection, and tests showed Sunni had an atrophied spinal cord and her rear paralysis could not be corrected. Alaqua volunteers banded together and procured a wheelchair, especially made for Sunni, and she took off as fast as she could once initially strapped in!

Alaqua veterinarian Dr. Amy Williams took Sunni under her protective and loving arms and fostered her for five months before Sunni found her forever

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A Huge Win for NWF State College Athlete Duarte

Northwest Florida State College sophomore guard **Chris Duarte** has been named the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Men's Basketball Player of the Year.

Mr. Duarte averaged 19 points, 7.1 rebounds, 2.5 assists, 1.2 steals and 1.1 blocks a game this season in helping the NWFSC Raiders reach the Elite Eight in this year's NJCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship.

Mr. Duarte is the second Raider to earn this award, joining Chris Jones (2012-13), and he is the first Raider to earn the National Player of the Year honor under Head Coach **Steve DeMeo**.

"Chris is everything a coach wants in a student-athlete," said Coach DeMeo. "He is a great student, great person and a very special basketball player. Chris has really set the bar high here at Northwest Florida for all of our future Raiders, and I look forward to watching him grow and develop at Oregon and even beyond college."

The University of Oregon commit started every game for the Raiders this season, with some of his biggest games coming against top opponents. In the regional semifinal against top-ranked Florida SouthWestern, Duarte's 24 points led the team to a 69-68 come-from-behind victory.

He earned NJCAA First Team All-American honors earlier in April. Mr. Duarte was also named the Player of the Year in both the FCSAA/NJCAA Region VIII and the Panhandle Conference after leading the team to their second straight NJCAA Region VIII title and their fifth consecutive Panhandle Conference championship.

Now Chris Duarte heads to Eugene, where he will join head coach Dana Altman. The Ducks advanced to the Sweet Sixteen in this year's NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Tournament, losing 53-49 to eventual national champions University of Virginia.

- Rachel Ryan



Just Pig Out at the Mar-a-Lago Buffet Table. They'll Never Know You're a Spy

By Carl Hiaasen, Tribune Content Agency

Urgent update to Foreign Spy Manual, post-Obama Edition: “Revised List of Tips for Infiltrating Presidential Vacation Retreats.” Please read, memorize and burn:

Remember, there are two levels of security at Mar-a-Lago, the presidential vacation resort in Palm Beach, Floridq. The first screening is done by the club’s staff, which—believe it or not—controls access to the property even when the president is there.

Secondary security is provided by U.S. Secret Service agents, who aren’t usually as friendly or gullible. Make sure your initial contact is with a young, underpaid Mar-a-Lago employee.

Because of recent events at the site, we are no longer advising operatives to begin their infiltration like this: “Yo! Which way to the pool?”

Likewise: “Hello, I’m here for the (name a country, any country) Cross-Cultural Arts Symposium and Seafood Brunch.”

Staff workers and the Secret Service are now being instructed to more closely scrutinize the list of Mar-a-Lago members, expected guests and presidential visitors. Your name will not be on that list, of course, though it’s still possible to talk your way past the checkpoints.

Our intelligence analysts have collected anecdotal evidence that certain deep-cover lines remain

effective for those seeking entry to the presidential property:

For example: “Hello, I’m here to re-seed the croquet lawn.”

Or: “Hi, I’m filling in today for Eric’s pedicurist. She had to go downtown to straighten out a visa problem.”

Or: “Hey, there. I’m a friend of Stormy’s.”

At some point you might be asked to show identification. Politely hand over the Costco Gold Star card that we’ve included in your spy kit.

If that doesn’t work, try flashing any or all of the foreign passports you carry. We’ve had our best luck with those stamped as being from the People’s Republic of China. A well-worn Russian facsimile is always a solid bet, too.

In the unlucky event that you encounter a competent and experienced screener at the entrance of Mar-a-Lago, be sure to have a fallback plan—and rehearse in advance.

When told that you’re not on the approved guest list, respond at first with a wounded look of confusion, then annoyance and finally a loud, angry, incoherent outburst.

Wishing to avoid a confrontation that would disrupt the dining of dues-paying club members, the Mar-a-Lago staff is likely to quickly back off and allow you to enter. Once inside, be cautious when mingling

with others. As amusing as the social scene might be, don’t get distracted and let your guard down.

Because of what occurred last week, we are recommending new procedures for concealing thumb drives loaded with malicious software. Do NOT carry these devices in your purse, beach bag, pants pocket or billfold.

Alternative hiding places for thumb drives may include hollow shoe heels, fake Range Rover key fobs and empty Altoid tins. Some operatives report success at smuggling the thumb drives in vape pens, but there are conflicting accounts regarding the Mar-a-Lago club policy on cannabis paraphernalia.

As you walk through the rooms and hallways of the estate searching for a computer to infect, you should appear to seem lost, or mildly intoxicated. If you get stopped by a staff member or Secret Service agent, ask directions to the nearest restroom.

Tell them it’s an emergency—you have a spastic colon. Whatever.

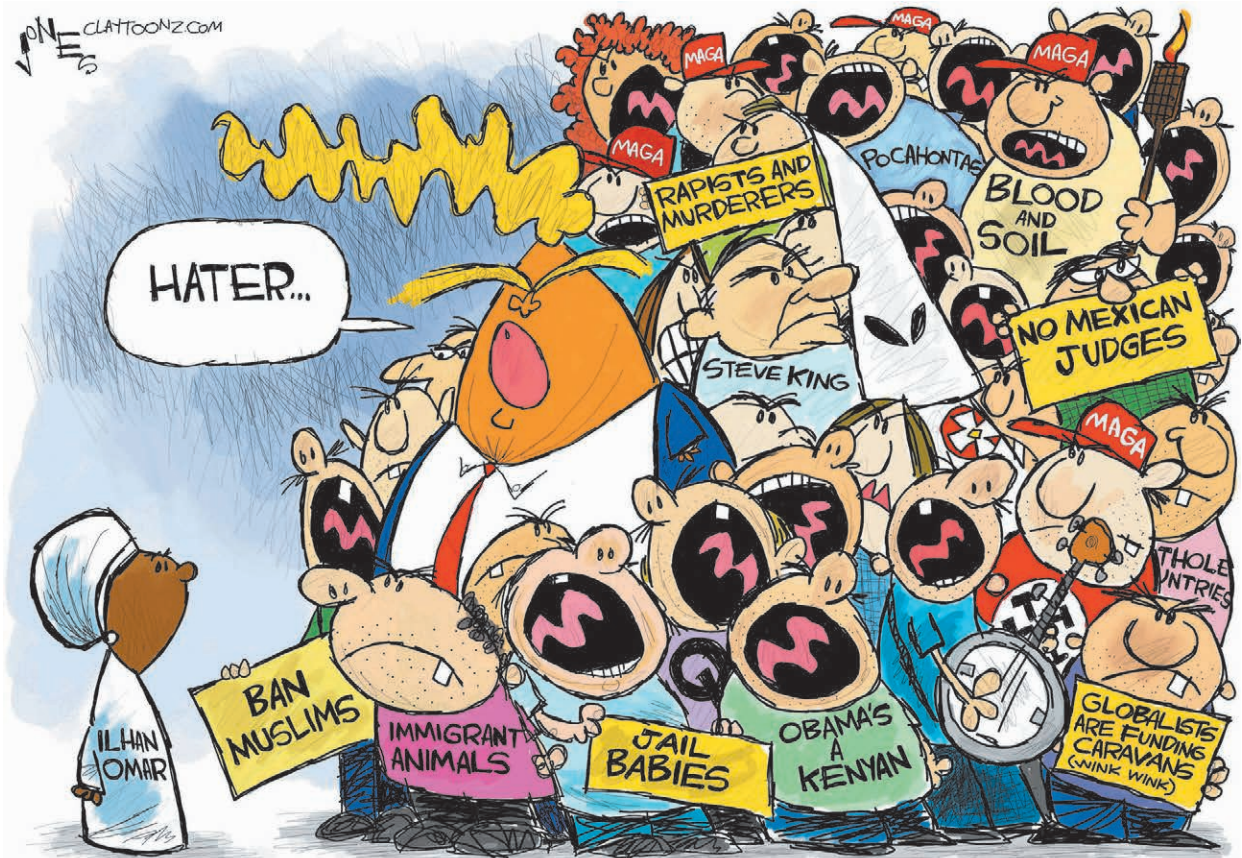
Currently we are recommending no changes to the established procedure if you see the commander-in-chief during your infiltration of Mar-a-Lago. Proven methods of attracting his attention include waving excitedly, giggling at a high pitch or simply shouting, “We love you, Mr. President! Thank you for making America great again!”

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Words of Wisdom from Mr. Hiaasen

1. “I’ve always enjoyed making people laugh. But in order for me to be funny, I have to get ticked off about something.”
2. “One problem with age is that patience begins to ebb.”
3. “They have a crystalline sense of right and wrong; it disappears when they walk out the door with their M.B.A.”
4. “Kids feel so strongly about what’s going on today and what’s happening in the world, and that’s very inspiring. I feel more hopeful than ever before about the future.”
5. “The first rule of hurricane coverage is that every broadcast must begin with palm trees bending in the wind.”

Source: Google.



Dining in the Dark

By Charles Morgan III

Our society faces a seemingly endless number of critical issues today. On an international, national and local level, political, environmental and social arguments abound on topics that range from tariffs, weapons bans, immigration, climate change, drug policy, health care, criminal justice reform, constitutional issues, minority rights, student loans, corporate fraud, the **#MeToo** movement, and challenges surrounding the rights of people with different sexual orientations.

A problem that has existed under the radar for many years—and one that is personal for me—involves the practice of middle-of-the-night hunger, the situation involving seemingly normal people who wake up in darkness with an insatiable appetite.

Nighttime hunger is a malady that I have dealt with for decades. Unsuccessfully. I have officially given up the fight and now intend to embrace it as an incurable—but in an odd way—benign illness.

I do not smoke marijuana. But now that medicinal marijuana is legal in the state of Florida, the issues regarding middle-of-the-night feeding are becoming commonplace. Many of the people who are receiving prescriptions for pot suffer from anxiety and sleeplessness issues. It is only natural that they will face the problems of nighttime hunger. My experiences with this condition may prove helpful.

One of the motivating factors in my rampaging around in the kitchen at night is the seemingly real possibility that I will die during the night of starvation. Steps to insure safe nocturnal noshing must be taken.

Logistics vary from household to household, but one important goal is to not disturb pets or people in your home. With practice, this can be accomplished in total darkness and near silence.

Practice navigating your path to the kitchen. The major potential pitfalls in my house are sleeping dogs. Tripping over a dog in the middle of the night and breaking a hip can be a problem. You will be surprised how acute your night vision will become over time.

Another obstacle to successful dining in the dark is the crinkly noise made by opening boxes of cookies. Dogs—even old, nearly deaf dogs—can hear the sound of wax paper being ripped open. They accurately associate that sound with cookies and will come out of a dead sleep to participate in the event. You must learn how to access and eat your food quietly.

There are four basic food groups for late evening enjoyment. Graham crackers, vanilla wafers, sugar wafers, and Double Stuffed Blonde Oreo cookies are the options. It is critical that you stick with Nabisco products. The off-brand versions of these cookies are not acceptable.

If you have a talented baker in the house, oatmeal/raisin or chocolate chip cookies or Rice Krispy treats are excellent also.

The key element of all these foods is that they require no assembly. Other attractive foods like ice cream, peanut butter/graham crackers or vanilla wafers, and even bowls of cereal take too much time and equipment to accomplish successfully in the dark.

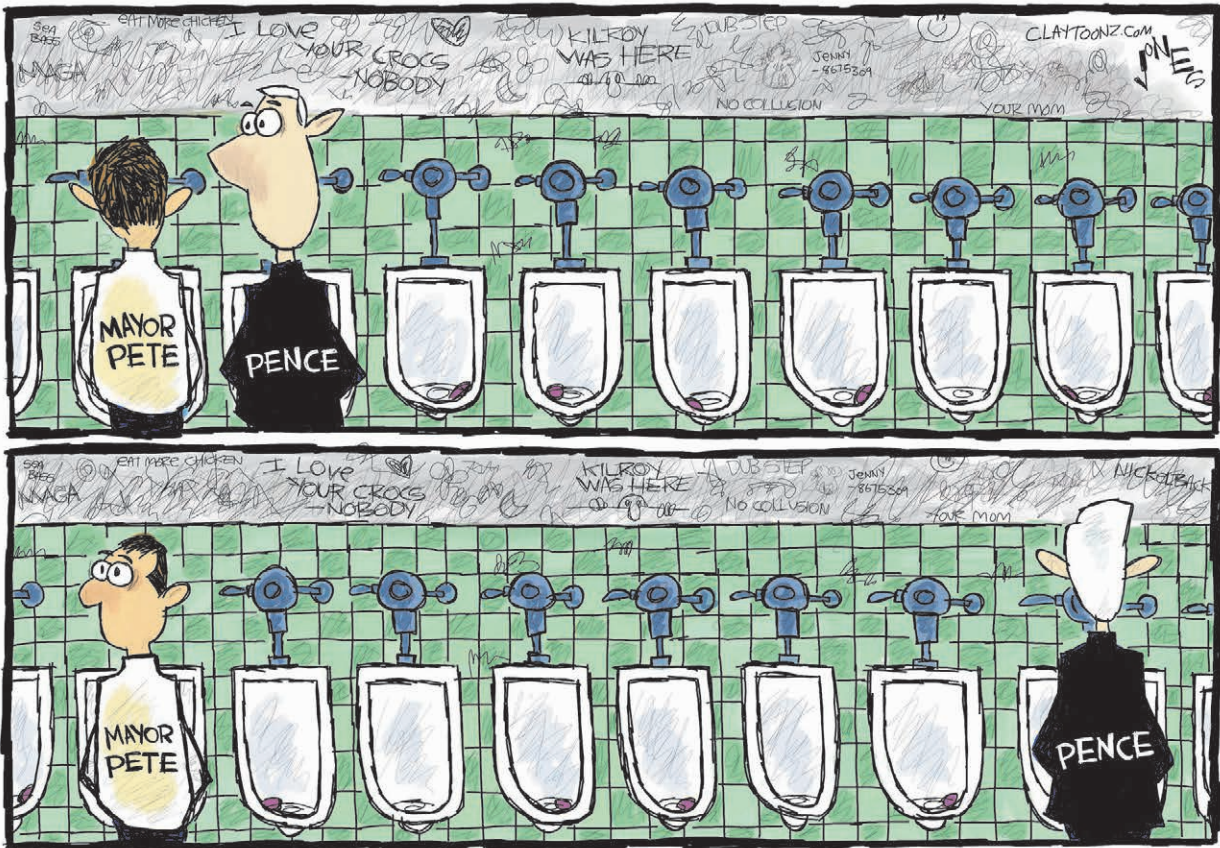
Matt Gaetz's Greatest Fails (So Far)

1. Voted against background checks on gun purchases.
2. Voted for ban on live birth abortion, which is already illegal. It's called infanticide.
3. Threatened Michael Cohen.
4. Lied about the wall being built.
5. Called Robert Mueller a glorified hall monitor.
6. Called for Parkland shooting victim's father to be removed from congressional hearing.

By limiting your intake to the four major food groups you can secure the cookies, return to bed, and resume sleeping with little effort. I've managed to actually fall back asleep with cookies still in my mouth.

Whether you view nighttime eating as a psychological condition, lack of discipline and control, or just a personal weakness...it doesn't really matter. We all have battles to fight and I've chosen not to wage war on this one.

I have embraced this condition and through trial and error found a way to manage it. In doing so, I've overcome the fear of dying in my sleep of hunger.



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Nikki Hedrick: 5 Ways You Can Support the Arts

1. Buy something. When you're essentially a small business as a creative individual, it's amazing how far an extra \$20 here and there can go. Buy a CD, a piece of art, t-shirt, or anything else that individual has made or crafted.
2. Word of mouth in the digital age. The more eyeballs anything gets, the more ears a piece of music gets, the better off that individual is. What does that mean in the social age? Like, comment, share, talk about it, and recommend it to friends. Word of mouth is easier due to social media, and the support will be appreciated.
3. Offer up a trade. If you have a skill set that the creative may need, a trade can be good for everyone. Although cash is always king, there are a gazillion things creatives have to spend their own money on. Trades can be a beneficial agreement for everyone.
4. Constructive criticism. Most creatives grow, expand over time. When we receive constructive criticism, it pushes us outside our safety zones to see another viewpoint—especially when it's something in your area of expertise. Just make sure you go about it a respectful way, and ask if the person is interested in your opinion beforehand.
5. No matter what, the key thing is to support what you love.



"On Pointe" by Lorelei White won the Eugene L. Rybicki Memorial Award in the Arts and Design Society's 20th Annual Photography and Digital Arts Exhibition, along with first place in the People division.

Photo submitted by Tuny Jennings.

ART CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) Classes at the Art Center Gallery, Fort Walton Beach. More info at artsdesignsociety.org.

Mondays and Wednesdays. Clay and Pottery Open Studio, 9 AM-noon both days and 6:30-9 PM Mondays. Beginners welcome. Cost for morning classes with **Pat Basque and Sherry Cooler** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Cost for Monday evening class with **Marcy Eady** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Materials and firing included.

Tuesdays. Art for Children Ages 6-12, 4-5:30 PM. **Marcy Eady** teaches about the masters and their styles using principles of basic drawing, painting and sculpture. Media vary each week. Cost per month is \$70 (\$60 for ADSO members). All supplies included.

Tuesdays. Oil Painting with Dale Gauvin, 9 AM-1 PM. Learn the Chiaroscuro technique favored by the old masters. Cost is \$90 (\$80 for ADSO members).

Tuesdays. Open Studio, 7-9:30 PM. Bring your own supplies (no pottery) and work with other Beachcomberland artists. Cost is \$12 (\$10 for ADSO members). Call Marcy at 850-585-4967 by 5:30 p.m. to ensure access.

April 25. Sip and Paint with Jeff Mallery, 6:30-8:30 PM. The theme is "Amber and Merlot," a study in wine glasses. Cost is \$40 (\$35 for ADSO members), all supplies included—bring your beverage of choice.

April 27. Welcome to Watercolors! with Natalia Light, 10 AM-12:30 PM. Brush up on your skills and explore new styles and techniques. Cost is \$25 (\$20 for ADSO members). Supply list at ADSO website.

CHROMA STUDIO & GALLERY, 3925 West County Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach. Call 1-844-5-CHROMA or visit www.CHROMA30A.com for more info.

HERITAGE MUSEUM OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA, 115 Westview Avenue, Valparaiso. Call 850-678-2615 or visit Heritage-Museum.org to sign up or for more info.

HH ARTS, 100 Beal Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-218-2155 to register for classes.

THE SHARD SHOP in the Shops of Grayton, Grayton Beach. ShardWorx is a new way of making art with glass and resin on a painted surface. Open Mon.-Sat., 9:15 AM-4 PM. Classes daily. Adult classes, 9:30 AM. All ages classes at 11 AM, 1:30 and 3 PM. Classes last about an hour, and all materials are provided. Artwork is ready the day after class. All skill levels welcome. Adults start at \$85, kids at \$40. Sign up online at ShardShop.com or call 850-231-0544.

ART EVENTS

THROUGH APRIL 26. "FRESH START" AT EAST END GALLERY, INLET BEACH
Gallery hours are 10 AM-4 PM Mon.-Fri. and Saturdays by appointment. Call 850-252-5150 or email lori@eastend30a.com for more info.

THROUGH APRIL 29. THE FOSTER GALLERY'S SPRING ROTATION IN THE RUSKIN PLACE ARTIST COLONY, SEASIDE
Artists include **Melody Bogle, Marscha Cavaliere, Donnelle Clark, Patrick Connolly, Skip Deems, Victoria Guennewig, Marian Pacsuta, Mary Redmann, Nikki Staks, Jenna**

Varney, Krista Vind, Judy Walton, Christon Anderson and Heather Clements. Call 850-837-3037 or visit CulturalArtsAlliance.com for more info.

THROUGH APRIL 30. ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) WINDOW GALLERY DISPLAY AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH
The spotlight shines on teacher and award-winning artist **Marcy Eady**, who says art, and her expressions through it, keep her grounded and feed her soul.

THROUGH APRIL 30. BETTY CORK EXHIBIT AT THE WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH
Ms. Cork has spent more than 25 years painting in oils, acrylics, watercolors and mixed media.

THROUGH APRIL 30. LINDA KERNICK AND ANNE JOHNSTON EXHIBIT AT DESTIN LIBRARY



Ms. Kernick has been active in the Beachcomberland art community for over 25 years and teaches at the Arts and Design Society and HH Arts in Fort Walton Beach. **Ms. Johnston**, a mixed media artist specializing in acrylics and oils, has studied under Beverly McNeil, John Lines, Sally Nooney, Nan Cunningham and Dr. Dale Gauvin. Call 850-837-8572 for more info.

THROUGH MAY 3. ADSO'S 20TH ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH

THROUGH JULY 15. THE FOSTER GALLERY'S SPRING ROTATION IN GRAND BOULEVARD TOWN CENTER, MIRAMAR BEACH
Artists include **Gayle Campbell, Donnelle Clark, Lee Clark, Heather Clements, Skip Deems, Iva Jazayeri, Linda Kernick, Jason Lindblad, Merry Beth Myrick, Rosalyn O'Grady, William Polley, Mary Redmann, Kathleen Schumacher, Shelly Swanger and Connie Sweetland.** Call 850-837-3037 or visit CulturalArtsAlliance.com for more info.

THROUGH JULY 29. THE FOSTER GALLERY'S SPRING ROTATION IN THE RUSKIN PLACE ARTIST COLONY, SEASIDE
Artists include **Melody Bogle, Marscha Cavaliere, Donnelle Clark, Patrick Connolly, Skip Deems, Joyful Enriquez, Victoria Guennewig, Marian Pacsuta, Mary Redmann, The Salty Sparrow, Nikki Staks, Jenna Varney, Krista Vind, and Judy Walton.** Call 850-837-3037 or visit CulturalArtsAlliance.com for more info.

APRIL 25. ADSO DRINK & DRAW AT JUANA'S PAGODAS, NAVARRE BEACH, 6 PM
Draw whatever you like. For more info, email bnhily@gmail.com.

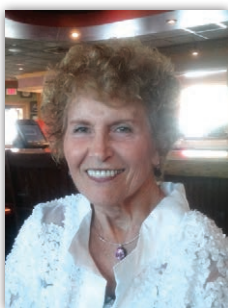
APRIL 26. ADSO'S "ALL IN GOOD TASTE" AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH
From 6 to 8 PM, taste your way through the delicious offerings ADSO cooks are submitting for inclusion in the organization's upcoming cookbook. Cost for the fun and tasty culinary experience is \$5. Call 850-244-1271 or visit artsdesignsociety.org for more info.

APRIL 27. DOWNTOWN ARTS NIGHT ON HISTORIC BALDWIN AVENUE, DEFUNIAK SPRINGS

From 4 to 8 PM, take a gander at the creations of over 50 local and regional artists and craftsmen, plus food and live music. FREE to attend and family-friendly. If you'd like to showcase and sell your work at the event, call 850-865-2976 or email DowntownArtsNight@gmail.com.

OPENS MAY 1. ADSO WINDOW GALLERY DISPLAY AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH

May's featured artist is the diverse **Corina Zalace**, who works in pointillism and watercolors, and has written and illustrated four books.



OPENS MAY 1. DOROTHY EDEN EXHIBIT AT DESTIN LIBRARY



Ms. Eden was born in Tokyo and grew up in Fort Walton Beach. She graduated from the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale with a major in fine arts, and her works have been exhibited in numerous regional shows. Call 850-837-8572 for more info.

OPENS MAY 7. ADSO'S "VITRUVIAN MAN" SHOW

The show, inspired by the work of Leonardo da Vinci, runs through **May 31**, with a reception Friday, **May 10**, 6-8 PM.

ART GALLERIES

ADARO ART Features works from 2015 South Walton Artist of the Year Juan Francisco Adaro, as well as other well-known local and international artists. Open daily from 10 AM to 5 PM. Now located in the Shops at the Hub, 7000 E. Scenic Highway 30A, Suite 21, Watersound, 561-985-5767. Email adaro.art@gmail.com or visit adaroart.com for more info.

ARTFUL THINGS Original oils, watercolors and acrylics, as well as prints and note cards by local artists. Art classes, supplies and custom framing available. 1087 John Sims Pkwy., Niceville, 850-729-2600. www.artfulthings.net.

ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY Features art shows by local and regional artists. Open afternoons Tuesday through Saturday. Shows change monthly. Art classes and workshops in various media. 17 First Street SE, Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-1271. www.artsdesignsociety.org.

CHROMA STUDIO & GALLERY features the art of South Walton's 2018 Artist of the Year **Kathleen Broaderick**. Browse Kathleen's original oil paintings in the gallery or take a boutique paint

class in Kathleen's studio. Kathleen offers oil painting workshops featuring her energetic, loose and colorful style, as well as acrylic paint classes for artists and non-artists alike. The CHROMA Studio & Gallery is a place where guests will feel comfortable expressing themselves and finding joy in art. CHROMA is located at 3925 West County Highway 30A in Santa Rosa Beach (just west of Goatfeathers restaurant). Visit www.CHROMA30A.com or call 1-844-5-CHROMA for more information.

G & CO. GALLERY (formerly Geana's Art Gallery) Located in City Market, Destin. An exciting art gallery and full service frame and mirror shop offering a large selection of local, regional and international artists ranging from local photography to original fine art. Quality and value is second to none. We ship worldwide. 850-650-0779. www.GAndCoGallery.com.

HH ARTS offers works for sale from local artists in all mediums. There are many award-winning artists displayed in oil, acrylic, encaustic, collage, clay, handmade candles, and handmade jewelry designs in glass, leather and Victorian style. Studio space available for artists at reasonable rates. An outdoor area is also available for plein air painting or classes, with lighting and overhead covering. There will be classes offered for children and adults. Located at 100 Beal Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach (three blocks off 98, across from Troy University). Open Tue.-Sat., 10 AM- 3 PM. For more info, call 850-218-2155 and "like" HH Arts on Facebook. Follow us on Instagram.

THE JUSTIN GAFFREY GALLERY features the coastal contemporary paintings and sculptures of local artist Justin Gaffrey. Visit the gallery to browse through Justin's coastal landscape, floral, and still-life paintings or stroll through the sculpture garden to view the various welded steel sculptures. Justin is most recognized for his heavily textured, heavy bodied acrylic, palette knife paintings of the local landscape, florals, and wildlife. The Justin Gaffrey Gallery is located at 21 Blue Gulf Drive along Scenic highway 30A in Blue Mountain Beach. Visit justingaffrey.com or stop by the gallery Monday through Saturday from 10 AM to 6 PM. Follow the Justin Gaffrey Gallery on Facebook and Instagram to see Justin's most recent creations.

MARY HONG GALLERY Located in Grayton Beach (Shops of Grayton), Destin (next to Ulta and Michael's), Nashville (4th and Union next to DoubleTree Hotel) and on Magazine Street in New Orleans. Mary Hong, the 2014 South Walton Artist of the Year, has been featured in over 10 publications and has appeared on *Emeril's Florida* TV show and HGTV's *House Hunters*. Mary's take on glass art incorporates the use of repurposed glass on painted canvas. She and her team offer classes at The Shard Shop, located adjacent to or inside her gallery locations. Classes are offered four to five times a day, and there is an extensive retail section full of thousands of pounds of glorious glass and art kits to take your ShardWorx on the go. We host parties and team events, too. Grayton Beach gallery open seven days a week, 9:30 AM-5 PM 850-231-1416. MaryHongStudio.com.

THE SHARD SHOP open seven days a week, 9:15 AM-4 PM. 850-231-0544. ShardShop.com/Grayton. Destin gallery and Shard Shop open seven days a week, 9 AM-7 PM. 850-842-4440. ShardShop.com/Destin.

MATTIE KELLY ART GALLERIES AT NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE The Arts Center Galleries at Northwest Florida State College in Niceville encompass two galleries

showcasing 20 different international, national and regional exhibitions yearly, which are unique to this region. Viewing hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 4 PM, and Sunday, 1-4 PM. Visit www.mattiekellyartscenter.org or call 850-729-6044.

THE ZOO GALLERY Created in 1979. Locally owned small business. We focus on quality, handcrafted work by hardworking artists. Our galleries showcase an eclectic range of curated artwork from all over the country, a jewelry collection like no other, plus unique clothing lines for women with soul. We keep a sense of wonder. We stand out from the herd. Located in Grayton Beach across from the Red Bar and in Grand Boulevard at Sandestin. #standoutfromtheherd thezoogallery.com

CALL TO ARTISTS

Destin Library Exhibit Space

Local artists interested in showing their work are encouraged to contact Will Rogers at 850-837-8572.

Downtown Arts Night in DeFuniak Springs

Scheduled for Saturday, **April 27**, 4-8 PM, on historic Baldwin Avenue overlooking Lake DeFuniak. All artists and craftsmen interested in selling and showcasing work are encouraged to submit applications by calling 850-865-2976 or email DowntownArtsNight@gmail.com.

Arts and Design Society's "The Vitruvian Man" Show

ADSO is calling all artists to participate. All art in any medium must be inspired by (read: NOT a copy of) a work by Leonardo da Vinci. Cash awards! Turn in work Monday, **May 6**, 9 AM-noon. Visit artsdesignsociety.org or call 850-244-1271 for more info.

Frank Brown International Songwriters' Festival

Create an original artwork in your medium of choice to promote this year's festival. The winning submission will be used in festival promo materials, including website, t-shirts, programs, press releases and signage. Plus—bragging rights, 200 bucks. Deadline to enter is midnight, **April 30**—no fee to enter. The winner will be announced **May 31**. More info at FBISF.com.

Robin Wiesneth: My Creative Kickstarts

- 1. Read.** New ideas and good writing always spark creativity. I recommend the *Beachcomber*.
- 2. Exercise.** Great ideas always come from nowhere, especially when you're busy doing something else. Just remember to take something to record your ideas—they'll be gone long before your heart rate returns to normal.
- 3. Mashup.** Pick two unrelated things you love and combine them—famous rock bands and cats, *Game of Thrones* and dogs, ninjas and houseplants... Results vary.
- 4. Look at Art.** You'll remember small things you like in different works of art, and some of those colors and techniques may wind up in your new work.
- 5. Go Listen to Live Music.** Being an artist is a quiet and solitary experience. Grab the *Beachcomber* and find out where your favorite band is playing.

Robin Wiesneth can normally be found piddling around her studio working on too many projects at the same time. Follow [@Abrushwithhumor](https://www.instagram.com/Abrushwithhumor) on Instagram, and visit Abrushwithhumor.com to purchase Robin's artwork and (excellent) children's books.

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Music

Bobby Tomberlin: My Earl Thomas Conley Top 5



The great Earl Thomas Conley, who dominated the country music charts in the 1980s, passed away earlier this month.

1. **"What I'd Say."** One of most honest lyrics ever about an old flame. Lines like *You're looking well/Or go to Hell/Might be what I'd say...* Wow!!! How do you beat that?
2. **"Holding Her and Loving You."** Again, what honesty in a song, even if it is so painful.
3. **"Once in a Blue Moon."** You just don't hear songs like this anymore. The man is admitting how bad he screws up most of the time, but once in a blue moon he'll do something right.
4. **"I Can't Win for Losing You."** The perfect song to play over and over when you're not over that old love. This song came straight from the heart. I knew the songwriter.
5. **"That Was a Close One."** A song about a man who comes so close to committing but runs at the last minute.

Bobby Tomberlin is a CMA, Grammy and ACM nominee who has written songs for Blake Shelton, Faith Hill, Willie Nelson, Kenny Rogers, Diamond Rio (including the number one hit "One More Day"), and many others.

Beachcomberland's Greatest Hits

1. Franko "Washboard" Jackson, "Smoke a Big Joint for Jesus"
2. Donnie Sundal, "Let Me Come Home"
3. Forrest Williams Band, "Good Time Sunshine"
4. Dread Clampitt, "Stars Over Walton County"
5. Gileah Taylor, "Going Home"
6. The Steenos, "Accidentally Drunk Again"
7. Schatzi + the String Boffin, "Creek Don't Rise"
8. Hal Aiken, "Down in Destin"
9. The Strangers, "Destin"
10. Blue Lew Hogue, "The Neighborhood Song"
11. Bryan Kennedy, "Life Shines (The 30A Song)"
12. Heritage, "No More"
13. Gold & Motion, "Lost and Found"
14. Coconut Radio, "Gone Bamboo"
15. Chris Manson, "Spring Break in the Walton County Jail"

Obviously, we didn't get everything on here that we would have liked. Send any and all glaring omissions to chris@beachcomberdestin.com.



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Woofy Ramone's 2019 Record Store Day Finds



These are the records Woofy purchased at Fort Walton Vintage Records on April 13. "It's a brilliant place to take your teenagers to expose them to the simple pleasures of music and all the things that go along with it—cover art, liner notes, pins, patches, stickers, turntables, speakers, lunchboxes and other collectibles.

"My 16-year-old son—with his own money—bought a handful of necklaces with a variety of pendants, including one of Rush's 'Starman' logo. I enjoyed educating him on what he'd purchased, and that isn't just a dude on a circle and star!"

- 1. Eric Clapton, *Slowhand*.** "It would be hard to find a finer example of how to make the Fender Stratocaster emote. From the hits 'Cocaine,' 'Wonderful Tonight' and 'Lay Down Sally' to the top-down, speeding-ticket-getting, soul-freeing, soaring epicness of all eight and a half minutes of 'The Core,' this album has always held a special place in my heart. If you have a kid learning to play guitar, get them a copy."
- 2. Miles Davis, *Sketches of Spain*.** "I've owned this album in four different formats—cassette, CD, digital and finally on vinyl, kinda backwards I know. Miles is cool, and he made an album of cool Spanish folk music. I've never been to Spain, but over the years I've felt like I have."
- 3. Lou Reed, *Rock & Roll Animal*.** "I bought this for two reasons. One, it's LOU REED, and two, 'Intro/Sweet Jane'—raw American storytelling."
- 4. Charlie Sexton, *Pictures of Pleasure*.** "Drunken memories of my youth when I was 'enrolled' in college yet spent more time making mixtapes than I did making grades."
- 5. U2, *Rattle and Hum*.** "Truly one of the best live albums of my generation. Here's a song Charles (NOT Chris) Manson stole from *The Beatles*...we're stealin' it back!!"

Woofy Ramone is the program director for 99ROCK/WKSM and NASH-FM 105.5/WYZB in Fort Walton Beach. Listen to him on 99ROCK weekdays from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Joe Fingas' Favorite Blues Men and Women

BLUES MEN – DECEASED

1. Mississippi John Hurt
2. Otis Spann/Robert Jr. Lockwood
3. Professor Longhair
4. Muddy Waters/Johnny Winter
5. Junior Kimbrough

BLUES WOMEN – DECEASED

1. Bessie Smith
2. Nina Simone
3. Koko Taylor
4. Big Mama Thornton
5. Etta James

BLUES MEN – ALIVE AND WELL

1. Cedric Burnside
2. Selwyn Birchwood
3. Victor Wainwright
4. Mem Shannon
5. Larry Garner
6. Anders Osborne

BLUES WOMEN – ALIVE AND WELL

1. Irma Thomas
2. Shemekia Copeland
3. Eden Brent
4. Susan Tedeschi
5. Janiva Magness

Beachcomber Music Award Hall of Famer Joe Fingas will perform with his band Finga FAYA at the 2019 awards, set for Monday, Aug. 26, at Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar on Okaloosa Island.

Upcoming Music Releases

APRIL 26

- George Benson, *Walking to New Orleans**
J.J. Cale, *Stay Around**
Cheap Trick, *The Epic Archive Vol. 3 (1984-1992)*
The Cranberries, *In the End**
Foxygen, *Seeing Other People***
Nils Lofgren, *Blue with Lou.** Reed, that is...
Marina, *LOVE + FEAR**
The Mountain Goats, *In League with Dragons**
Yousou N'Dour, *History*
New Years Day, *Unbreakable.** Includes the empowering anthem "Shut Up."
Pink, *Hurts 2B Human**
Josh Ritter, *Fever Breaks**
Rodrigo y Gabriela, *Mettavolution*
Rob Thomas, *Chip Tooth Smile*

MAY 3

- Bad Religion, *Age of Unreason**
The Felice Brothers, *Undress**
Little Steven & the Disciples of Soul, *Summer of Sorcery*
L7, *Scatter the Rats*
Pete Seeger, *The Smithsonian Folkways Collection*
Vampire Weekend, *Father of the Bride**
Joy Williams, *Front Porch**

* Also on Vinyl
** Also on Vinyl and Cassette

Sources: Allmusic.com, Pauseandplay.com

"Hey!" 5 Musicians Who Inspire Cheryl Jones

"I define inspiration as an immediate influence to do something creative, which sets myself onto a journey toward satisfying the very core of the essence of my being—where I understand, at the outset of my journey, that I will need courage and conviction to risk raising my own bar," says Dr. Cheryl Jones of the Beachcomber Music Award winning group Jones and Company.

"Based upon the creative act of the individual who inspired... based upon the individual who breathed new life into my existence as an artist...and such inspiration has already caused me such an excitement while on such a creative endeavor."

- 1. Charlie Parker, Saxophonist**
- 2. Jaco Pastorius, Bassist**
- 3. Ella Fitzgerald, Vocalist**
- 4. Michael Brecker, Saxophonist**
- 5. Benjamin Jackson, My Dad—Percussionist and Vocalist.** "My dad taught me to always leave them wanting more. Clearly, all of these musicians have left me wanting more—especially more from myself. The musicians I have listed are all physically gone, but their artistry has left me wanting more. The legacy of these cats still lives, still resonates, still breathes and inspires... and I'm longing—I'm Jonesin' (I dare say) for more!"

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Music

Drink On It – Blake Shelton's Favorite Drinking Songs

1. Blake Shelton, "Straight Outta Cold Beer"
2. Blake Shelton, "Neon Light"
3. Blake Shelton featuring Pistol Annies & Friends, "Boys 'Round Here"
4. Blake Shelton, "The More I Drink"
5. Hank Williams Jr. with Hank Williams Sr., "There's a Tear in My Beer"
6. Loretta Lynn, "Don't Come Home A-Drinkin' (With Lovin' on Your Mind)"
7. Willie Nelson, "Whiskey River"
8. Jason Aldean, "My Kinda Party"
9. Zac Brown Band, "Toes"
10. Big & Rich, "Save a Horse (Ride a Cowboy)"
11. Joe Nichols, "Tequila Makes Her Clothes Fall Off"
12. Kris Kristofferson, "Sunday Mornin' Comin' Down"
13. Eddie Rabbitt, "Drinkin' My Baby (Off My Mind)"
14. Dwight Yoakam, "Honky Tonk Man"
15. Gretchen Wilson, "All Jacked Up"

Source: Spotify.

Blake Shelton is one of the stars of NBC's wildly popular *The Voice*. We're including him here because (1) he played the Mullet Festival in Niceville forever ago, and (2) he's always been a champion of the late great Earl Thomas Conley. "God's Country," Blake's latest single, is unavoidable right now.



BOUKOU GROOVE
SPECIAL RELEASE

NEVER STEAL OUR THUNDER

"Never Steal Our Thunder," the new single from Beachcomber Music Award winners Boukou Groove (Donnie Sundal and Derwin "Big D" Perkins), will be released prior to their first-ever appearance at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival. Save the date—Sunday, April 28, 11:15 AM on the Congo Square Stage. Congrats, guys!

Live Music

Musicians and venues: Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com to get your gigs listed here.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

AJ’S, Destin
WILL & LINDA, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)
CHASING JAYMIE, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage)
HIGH DEMAND (Bimini Stage)

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 PM

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
ALEXA BURROUGHS, 5-9 PM

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 PM

CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, 850-837-2627
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 7 PM

GOATFEATHERS, Santa Rosa Beach
HOPE GIVEN, 5-8 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
MAX McCANN, 4 PM

HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, Rosemary Beach
MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
DINO LOURDI, 5 PM

MATTIE KELLY ARTS CENTER, Niceville
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 6:30-8 PM
Northwest Fest

MATTIE KELLY CULTURAL ARTS VILLAGE, Destin, MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org
SHANIA TWIN: A Tribute to Shania Twain, 7 PM
Concerts in the Village. Gates open at 6 PM. Tickets are \$15 for adults, FREE for children 12 and under and MKAF members. VIP tables available—call 850-650-2226 for details. Children 17 and under must be accompanied by parent or guardian. No pets, drones or tables larger than two feet, please.

THE PERFECT PIG, Santa Rosa Beach
ROB ROMANS, 6 PM

POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach
SILVIA MADRIAGA, 2-5 PM
Fun ukulele songs in the downstairs bar!

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
CHERYL JONES, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
BILL GARRETT, 8 PM-Midnight

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
OF MONTREAL

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

AJ’S, Destin
JACOB MOHR, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage)
HIGH DEMAND (Bimini Stage)

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
GROUP THERAPY, 7-11 PM

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
YEAH, PROBABLY, 8 PM-Midnight

AMERICAN LEGION, Crestview
REMEDY BAND, 8 PM
Learn more at clinthallmusic.com.

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
SHENANIGANS, 8 PM

CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, 850-837-2627
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 PM

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
ITHAQUA – GONE WITH THE FLESH – DARK CON OF MAN, 9 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 8-11 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
NIC TURNER, 5-8 PM

HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, Rosemary Beach
MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

JIMMY’S JUKEBOX, Fort Walton Beach
BOB CUSHING, 9 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
SERGIO & THE SATIN DOGS, 5 PM

MODICA MARKET, Seaside
THE STEENOS, 5-7 PM

PROPS BREWERY & GRILL, Fort Walton Beach
ROB ROMANS, 7 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
LUCKY STRIKE, 7:30-10:30 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SEASCAPE EVENTS PLAZA, Miramar Beach
SILVIA MADRIAGA, 5-9 PM

SUNDESTIN RESORT, Destin
BRANDON DAY, 1-5 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

THE TIPSY PIG, Mary Esther
GUNNER, 8 PM-Midnight

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com
STEVIE HALL, 7-10 PM
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VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
CROWN THE EMPIRE – WE CAME AS ROMANS

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

AJ’S, Destin
WILL & LINDA, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage)
HIGH DEMAND (Bimini Stage)
YEAH, PROBABLY (Jumbotron Stage)

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 1-5 PM

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
DJ ROUECHE, 7:30 PM
Emerald Coast Volleyball Week Players Party

BELLA BLUE BAR, Bluewater Bay
ROB ROMANS, 6:30 PM

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
GUNNER, 8 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
BRYAN LEE, 8 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
DAVID GAUTREAU, 5-8 PM

HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, Rosemary Beach
MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

ISLAND WING COMPANY, Destin
BOB CUSHING, 7 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
LANG HOLLOMAN DUO, 5 PM

POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach
DIKI ROSS, 2-5 PM

PROPS ALE HOUSE, Niceville
CLINT HALL, 7 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM (East Bar)

SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

SLICK MICK’S, Fort Walton Beach
DONNIE MORGAN, 6:30-9:30 PM

STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS & BRYAN KENNEDY, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ & WINE BAR, Shalimar
Jazz with BENGHAZI GRESHAM, 6-9 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

AJ’S, Destin
JONES AND COMPANY, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)
JB DYESS, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage)
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
Karaoke Night
Emerald Coast Volleyball Week Wrap-Up Party. All are welcome, especially if you can vocalize a bit.

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 AM-Noon

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
HOPE GIVEN, 2-5 PM

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 6 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
SCOTT ROCKWOOD & SHAWN HARTUNG, 3 PM

LJ SCHOONER’S, Bluewater Bay
ROB ROMANS, 4 PM

LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4-7 PM
Sunday Funday

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
RICK WILSON, 5 PM

STINKY’S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS with FRANKO “WASHBOARD” JACKSON, 11 AM-2 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight



Nikki Hedrick: How to Become a Concert Photographer

“Nearly every important person in my life right now, I’ve met because of concert photography,” our fearless music correspondent says. “It changed my life many times over.”

- 1. Have a Camera.** It doesn’t have to be the newest, best or top of the line, but a cell phone won’t cut it.
- 2. Find a Venue.** You have to build a portfolio, and that means finding places to take photos. Start with the small venues, proving you can handle low-light conditions.
- 3. Build Towards Your Goals.** Most larger bands will require that you be affiliated with a media outlet. Look for opportunities to collaborate.
- 4. Learn the Rules.** Standard concert photography rules are that all photos are taken during the first three songs without flash. But, like most rules, there will be exceptions.
- 5. Do It Because You Love It.** It is unlikely that concert photography will replace your day job—in fact, it’s likely to cost you more money than you’ll make from it. But it will change concert going forever. Once you’ve picked up a camera, it vastly changes how you watch a performance.

TRIPP TIDE TIKI BAR AT THE ISLAND HOTEL, Okaloosa Island
BOB CUSHING, 5 PM

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
THE PSYCHEDELIC FURS

MONDAY, APRIL 29

AJ’S, Destin
WILL & LINDA, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)
JASON CLARK, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage)
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
ROSHAMBO, 9 PM-1 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Emerald Coast Blues Society Jam, 7 PM

GOATFEATHERS, Santa Rosa Beach
HOPE GIVEN, 5-8 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
GYPSY PEARL, 5 PM

STANDING ROOM ONLY LOUNGE, Niceville
SILVIA MADRIAGA, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

AJ’S, Destin
JACOB MOHR, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)
CHASING JAYMIE, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage)
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
MARVIN HOLDMAN, 3:30-7:30 PM
Stick around for tonight’s FREE Movie on the Beach at 7:30.

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
SIMPLY D’VYNE, 7 PM

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

LA PAZ, Destin, LaPazDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM
Taco Tuesday

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
COCONUT RADIO, 5 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRISTIAN MAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Open Mic Live, 7-10 PM

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
SCOTT BRADLEE’S POSTMODERN JUKEBOX

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

AJ’S, Destin
JASON TYLER FINDLEY, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)
JACOB MOHR, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage)
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
JB DYESS, 5-9 PM

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
MYKE VAN NESS, 5-9 PM

FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 7 PM

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
Wailing Wednesday Blues Jam with JOE FINGAS & P-NUT, 9 PM-Midnight

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
HOODOOS, 4 PM

HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, Rosemary Beach
MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
JAY WILLIAMS, 5 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
BILL GARRETT, 8 PM-Midnight

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com
CASEY KEARNEY, 7-9 PM
Wednesday Night Concert Series

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
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THURSDAY, MAY 2

AJ’S, Destin
WILL & LINDA, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)
CHASING JAYMIE, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage)
THE ANTEEKS (Bimini Stage)

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 PM

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
JAMEL BOAST, 5-9 PM

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 PM

CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, 850-837-2627
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 7 PM

GOATFEATHERS, Santa Rosa Beach
HOPE GIVEN, 5-8 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
MAX McCANN, 4 PM

HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, Rosemary Beach
MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
KYLE BRADY, 5 PM

MATTIE KELLY CULTURAL ARTS VILLAGE, Destin, MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org
FLY-BY RADIO, 7 PM
Concerts in the Village. Gates open at 6 PM. Tickets are \$15 for adults, FREE for children 12 and under and MKAF members. VIP tables available—call 850-650-2226 for details. Children 17 and under must be accompanied by parent or guardian. No pets, drones or tables larger than two feet, please.

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
CHERYL JONES, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 PM
Ladies Night

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
BILL GARRETT, 8 PM-Midnight

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
CHIEF KEEF

FRIDAY, MAY 3

AJ’S, Destin
JACOB MOHR, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage)
THE ANTEEKS (Bimini Stage)

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
DINO LOURDI BAND, 8 PM-Midnight

CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, 850-837-2627
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
LITTLE RAINE BAND, 8 PM

HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, Rosemary Beach
MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
LANG HOLLOMAN DUO, 5 PM

MODICA MARKET, Seaside
THE STEENOS, 5-7 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
TBA, 7:30-10:30 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SUNDESTIN RESORT, Destin
BRANDON DAY, 1-5 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
SHAKEY GRAVES

SATURDAY, MAY 4

AJ’S, Destin
WILL & LINDA, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage)
NAKD (Jumbotron Stage)
THE ANTEEKS (Bimini Stage)

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 1-5 PM

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
HORSESHOE KITTY, 8 PM-Midnight

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
GUNNER, 8 PM

EMERALD COAST HARLEY-DAVIDSON, Fort Walton Beach
GROUP THERAPY, 4-7 PM
Bike Week

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
ROSHAMBEATLES, 8 PM

HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, Rosemary Beach
MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

JIMMY’S JUKEBOX, Fort Walton Beach
GROUP THERAPY, 8 PM-Midnight

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
HOWLIN’ JACK, 5 PM

PARADISE BAR & GRILL, Pensacola Beach
SELWYN BIRCHWOOD, 6 PM
FREE performance by the visionary young blues musician. Don’t miss.

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM (East Bar)

SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ & WINE BAR, Shalimar
JUSTIN ROGERS, 6-9 PM

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
BEARTOOTH: The Disease Tour, Part II

SUNDAY, MAY 5

AJ’S, Destin
JONES AND COMPANY, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)
JB DYESS, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage)
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 AM-Noon

CHRIST THE KING EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Santa Rosa Beach
SOUTH WALTON CHILDREN’S CHORUS, 1 PM
FREE “Swing into Spring” concert, followed by a reception celebrating the end of another successful season.

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
HOPE GIVEN, 2-5 PM



Live Music

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 6 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
SCOTT ROCKWOOD & SHAWN HARTUNG, 3 PM

LA PAZ, Destin, LaPazDestin.com
CADILLAC WILLY, 8 PM
The Beachcomber Music Award Hall of Famers’ annual Cinco de Mayo concerts have become the stuff of legend.

LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4-7 PM
Sunday Funday

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
CADILLAC ATTACK, 5 PM

POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach
BOBBYD, 2-5 PM

RED FISH TACO, Santa Rosa Beach
DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 AM

STINKY’S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS with FRANKO “WASHBOARD” JACKSON, 11 AM-2 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

TRIPP TIDE TIKI BAR AT THE ISLAND HOTEL, Okaloosa Island
BOB CUSHING, 5 PM

MONDAY, MAY 6

AJ’S, Destin
WILL & LINDA, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)
JASON CLARK, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage)
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
ROSHAMBO, 9 PM-1 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Emerald Coast Blues Society Jam, 7 PM

GOATFEATHERS, Santa Rosa Beach
HOPE GIVEN, 5-8 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
LEE YANKIE, 5 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
SUM 41: No Personal Space Tour

TUESDAY, MAY 7

AJ’S, Destin
JACOB MOHR, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)
CHASING JAYMIE, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage)
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
MARVIN HOLDMAN, 3:30-7:30 PM
Stick around for tonight’s FREE Movie on the Beach at 7:30.

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
SIMPLY D’VYNE, 7 PM

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

LA PAZ, Destin, LaPazDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM
Taco Tuesday

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
TBA, 5 PM

POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach
DIKI ROSS, 6-9 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRISTIAN MAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Open Mic Live, 7-10 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

AJ’S, Destin
JASON TYLER FINDLEY, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)
JACOB MOHR, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage)
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
JB DYESS, 5-9 PM

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
MYKE VAN NESS, 5-9 PM

FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 7 PM

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
Wailing Wednesday Blues Jam with JOE FINGAS & P-NUT, 9 PM-Midnight

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
HOODOOS, 4 PM

HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, Rosemary Beach
MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
TBA, 5 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
BILL GARRETT, 8 PM-Midnight

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com
THE MODERN ELDORADOS, 7-9 PM
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Aimee Shaffer: My Favorite Animal Events to Emcee

In no particular order...

- 1. The PAWS "On the Throttle" Poker Run.** This biker-supported fundraiser, held every mid-March, brings together bikers who travel to several bars and restaurants in Okaloosa and Walton counties to "play" a poker hand for fun and possible awards at the final destination, The Edge in Niceville. There, a silent auction, food and beverages and musical entertainment keep the crowd's interest until I emcee the final announcements and thank yous from the Panhandle Animal Welfare Society. A really fun gig to emcee, plus I like to pet the doggies who get to ride securely in their owners' baskets and sidecars!
- 2. The S.O.C.K.S. (Save Our Cats and Kittens) Annual Dinner.** Our local no-kill cat shelter's major fundraiser in February was a black-tie event ("Top Hats And Tails")—a lovely evening indeed. The S.O.C.K.S. gala always features a guest speaker, along with a dinner, silent auction, live entertainment, and camaraderie amongst the feline fanciers. I enjoy seeing lots of friends.
- 3. Destin Pooch Palooza.** The fourth annual event was held in March, with a stellar turnout of dogs and their humans enjoying a day of entertainment, demos, food, vendors, rescue groups, a silent auction and more at the Destin Dog Park. Three of my fave events are the Blessing of the Animals, the Doxie/Small Dog Races put on by the Rescued Rescuers of the Emerald Coast, and the K9 demo by the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office. This furry festival benefits the Destin Dog Park, a community treasure. Also a fun event to emcee...so many dogs to love on throughout the day.
- 4. A New Leash on Love.** This year's event will be held **Nov. 2** at the Bagdad Mill Site Park in Santa Rosa County. Like most other animal-centric festivals, New Leash has demos, displays, rescue groups, food, and the Doxie/Small Dog Races. The most important message New Leash imparts is that the nonprofit A Hope For Santa Rosa County helps with low-cost spaying and neutering and is trying to build a permanent low-cost facility in the county.
- 5. Sip N Shop.** One of Alaqua Animal Refuge's largest fundraiser is held every April at Emeril's Coastal Italian restaurant. Although I don't emcee this event (it doesn't need one!), I wanted to mention it, as it's really a lovely late morning/early afternoon gathering in support of Walton County's premier animal sanctuary. Fabulous wines, a silent auction, an exquisite lunch, and private shopping make for a fun time.

Longtime audio/on-air talent and professional in-home pet sitter Aimee Shaffer is thrilled to volunteer as emcee at many Beachcomberland animal events. Contact her at AimeesAnimalMagnetism.com or call 850-368-5685.

All information is subject to change. Please refer to the contact numbers and/or emails/websites for up-to-the-minute details. Send us your May 9 and beyond events by 5 PM Thursday, **May 2**, or they will not be in our next issue. Please submit events in the format used here. Photos welcome. Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com.

THROUGH SUNDAY, APRIL 28

EMERALD COAST VOLLEYBALL WEEK
The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island
EmeraldCoastVolleyball.com



Over 300 teams compete. Players and spectators welcome.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET
Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
850-689-5850
Locally grown produce and more.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25- SUNDAY, APRIL 28

SOUTH WALTON BEACHES WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL
Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, Miramar Beach
SoWalWine.com



Proceeds benefit the **Destin Charity Auction Foundation**, which helps children in need in Northwest Florida.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

RELAY FOR LIFE
Choctawhatchee High School, Fort Walton Beach
An amazing event that honors survivors and continues the fight to gain the advantage over cancer.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET
Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9 AM-1 PM
GrandBoulevard.com

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET
Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
850-689-5850
Locally grown produce and more.

SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET
Seaside, 8 AM
SeasideFL.com

S.O.C.K.S. (SAVE OUR CATS AND KITTENS) FUNDRAISER
Twisted Grape Café & Wine Bar, Shalimar, 3-5 PM
850-651-5100

WORLD TAI CHI QIGONG DAY
Destin Library, 10 AM
850-837-8572

Join certified Tai Chi for Health instructor **Barbara Rezner** for a celebration to be held outdoors (weather permitting). Arrive at 9:45 AM for warm-up exercises. Learn more at taichiproductions.com.

WSRE BE MY NEIGHBOR DAY
Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio, Pensacola State College, 10 AM-2 PM (Doors Open at 9:30)
WSRE.org



FREE family event with performances by *PBS KIDS* co-host **Mr. Steve**, appearances by **Daniel Tiger** and **Katerina Kittycat** from *Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood*, and more than 50 indoor-outdoor activities and exhibitors.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

30A FARMERS MARKET
Rosemary Beach, 9 AM-1 PM
Satisfying salts, teas, spices, blends and more.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

NWF STATE COLLEGE WELDING PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION
Northwest Florida State College, Building 400, Room 130, Niceville, 4 PM
850-729-5224
The session is designed for those who wish to begin the program for the Fall 2019 term.

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET
Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
850-689-5850
Locally grown produce and more.

WALTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THIRD ANNUAL SPRING GOLF CLASSIC
Blackstone Golf Course, Mossy Head
Registration begins at 8:30 AM, shotgun start at 10 AM. Entry fee is \$400 for a four-person team. Hole sponsorships available. Email Gabrielle@waltonareachamber.com to register.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

KETO & COCKTAILS
Foundations Medical Center, Destin, 5:30 PM
Mix, mingle and sip on skinny cocktails with **Amy Drab, PA-C** as she dives into the popular diet trend. RSVP to stacy@foundationsmedicalcenter.com by Tuesday, **April 30**, to claim your spot.

LADIES' NIGHT
Camille's at Crystal Beach, Destin
www.CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
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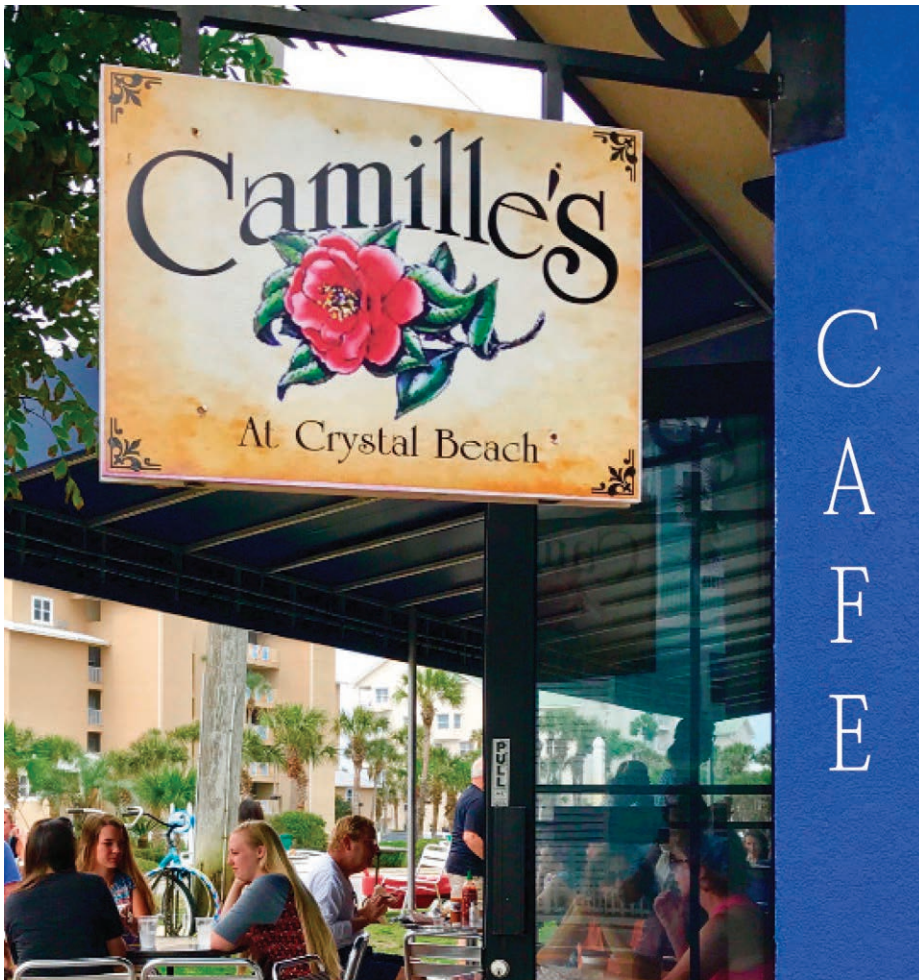
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Events

Nikki Hedrick: 6 Things You Can Do to Make Your Wedding Day Easier

"It's no secret how Eddie (McGrath) and I have been photographing a ton of weddings lately," Nikki says. "When you attend over 40 weddings a year, you begin to notice the most common mistakes—many of which are easily avoidable."

- 1. Don't Be Late.** I know that sounds simple, but even 30 minutes can affect the timeline, notably if you're aiming for sunset photos.
- 2. Learn the Lay of the Land.** Especially for those traveling, being aware of where you need to go—and alternate routes if traffic should come to a standstill.
- 3. Be Aware of the Weather.** Don't underestimate how hot, windy or cold you will be. Being uncomfortable translates to your photos, and a little extra planning can go a long way.
- 4. Put Together a Bridal Emergency Kit.** This is a neat little thing that's grown in popularity in the last few years. A small bag containing items to fix your hair (bobby pins, comb, hairspray), fix a dress (tape, safety pins), and minimal makeup adjustments (blotting sheets, lipstick, makeup remover wipes) can go a long way towards making someone feel more confident.
- 5. It's Okay to Say "No" to Family.** This one's a big one, and probably the toughest one on my list. It's okay to let your wedding day be about you as a new couple. Saying no does not make you a bad person.
- 6. Don't Strive for Pinterest Perfect.** Ideas and inspiration are wonderful during the planning process. Heck, that's exactly where Eddie and I are right now making decisions about our own wedding. The Internet can be amazing for research and fresh ideas, but don't let those expectations cloud your day so much that you miss out on enjoying the experience.

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Events

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1-
FRIDAY, MAY 3

EMERALD COAST MOTORCYCLE CHALLENGE
The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island
EmeraldCoastChallenge.com
A motorcycle skills event open to civilian riders and law enforcement motor officers. The three-day event costs \$65 per competitor and benefits the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office's Sheriff's Star Charity. Awards are presented for top finishers in their respective categories, and police motor units will receive 24 hours of training credit for this event. Spectators welcome.

THURSDAY, MAY 2

FOOD FOR THOUGHT WAREHOUSE RIBBON CUTTING
2132 U.S. 90, DeFuniak Springs, 1 PM
WaltonAreaChamber.com
The new warehouse will provide the organization for the first time with the capacity to purchase and hold at least three months' worth of food and supplies at one time, preventing shortages or delays in receiving food. The space will be used as a pull center to ensure the small pantry locations (in Santa Rosa Beach and Destin) are always stocked and ready for services.

After the ribbon cutting, guests are invited to tour the new space, ask questions, and sign up to volunteer.

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET
Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
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FRIDAY, MAY 3

DRIVER'S LICENSE CLINIC
Okaloosa Annex Extension, Fort Walton Beach, 9 AM-2 PM
okaloosacountyclinic.eventbrite.com
The First Judicial Circuit hosts a clinic to assist individuals whose licenses have been revoked, suspended or canceled. For more info, call 850-609-3880.

FREE FITNESS ON THE LAWN: PURE BARRRE
The Market Shops, Miramar Beach, 5:30 PM
TheMarketShops.com

SATURDAY, MAY 4

GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET
Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9 AM-1 PM
GrandBoulevard.com

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET
Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
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SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET
Seaside, 8 AM
SeasideFL.com

SUNDAY, MAY 5

ALL-DAY CINCO DE MAYO PARTY
La Cocina, Seacrest Beach, 11:30 AM-9 PM
LaCocina30a.com
Grab your amigos and enjoy food and drink specials, including delicious Latin specialties from Executive Chef **Eric Bartholomew**. Plus—face painting, photo booth, and music from **DJ Brian T**, 5-8 PM.

CINCO DE MAYO PINATA PARTY
HarborWalk Village, Destin, 2-4 PM
HarborWalkVillage.com
FREE fiesta for kids of all ages with crafts, face painting, and the breaking of the Destin Harbor's largest piñata at 3 PM.

30A FARMERS MARKET
Rosemary Beach, 9 AM-1 PM
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TUESDAY, MAY 7

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET
Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

LADIES' NIGHT
Camille's at Crystal Beach, Destin
www.CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
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THURSDAY, MAY 9

GULFVIEW HOTEL GRAND OPENING
Fort Walton Beach, 5:30-8 PM
FWB.org
The event includes a ribbon cutting for the relocated and renovated Gulfview Hotel, messages from local officials, live music, self-guided tours of the historic building and more.

SPANISH WINE PAIRING DINNER
Twisted Grape Café & Wine Bar, Shalimar
850-651-5100
Cost is \$45 per person. Reservations required.

SUNDAY, MAY 12

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH
Emerald Grande, HarborWalk Village, 10 AM-2 PM and 11 AM-2 PM
850-424-0621
A memorable meal for mom in the Grande Vista Bar Grill. Cost is \$29 for adults, \$14 for kids. Call for reservations.

SUNDAY, OCT. 13

30A HALF MARATHON & 5K
Scenic Highway 30A
Register at **30Ahalf.com**. Deadline is **Sept. 28** for all runners.



Guests at Alaqua Animal Refuge's recent Sip N Shop event enjoy photo ops with baby goats. The event, held April 5 at Emeril Lagasse's joint in Miramar Beach, supports children's charities in our area.

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CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH Mass schedule (through Sept. 30)—Sunday, 8 AM and 10:30 AM; Saturday, confessions from 4 to 4:30 PM, mass at 5 PM; daily mass Monday through Friday, 8 AM; First Friday Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM; First Saturday Mass, 8 AM Holy Days of Obligation, 8 AM and 6:30 PM 307 Beach Drive, Destin.

DESTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sundays – 7:30 AM beach services at Henderson Beach State Park; Crab Trap, Destin; Crab Trap, Okaloosa Island Boardwalk. Contemporary service in the Sanctuary at 9 AM. Contemporary Xalt service at 10:30 AM in the Destin Life Center. Traditional service in the Sanctuary at 11 AM. Sunset beach service at Henderson Beach State Park, 5:30 PM. **DestinUMC.org**.

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday worship services: 8:45 and 11 AM Nursery and children's church is available. Wednesday bible study at 7 PM Located at 306 S. Geronimo St. in Miramar Beach,

three blocks west of Silver Sands Outlet Mall. 850-837-7561.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DESTIN Sunday bible study at 9:15 AM, worship service at 10:30 AM, prayer group at 5 PM Wednesday supper at 6 PM, followed by youth-kids programs and bible study at 6:30. 201 Beach Drive, 850-837-6515.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEAGROVE Sunday services at 10 AM and Wednesdays at 6 PM 4915 E Hwy. 30A, Seagrove, 850-231-2884.

GATHERING 151 Eglin Pkwy NE, Fort Walton Beach. **comegather.com**.

GOOD NEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday services 8:45 AM (traditional worship) and 10 AM (contemporary worship). 4747 U.S. 98 West, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-9191.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Sunday worship service, 9:30 AM Sunday school for kids, confirmation class for youth, and adult bible study, 10:45 AM 4325 Commons Drive, Destin, 850-654-1679.

HOPE ON THE BEACH Beach worship at 8 AM at Ed Walline Beach, across from Gulf Place; and at Inlet Beach, at the Orange Street beach access. Worship at 9:30 AM at Shunk Gulley Oyster Bar, on the corner

of 393 and 30A. And worship at 11 AM at our 98 Church Campus, at 3834 U.S. 98 W, Santa Rosa Beach. For more information, call 850-267-0322 or email **pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org**.

ISLAMIC DA AWA CENTER OF FWB 6 Hollywood Blvd. SW, Fort Walton Beach, 850-664-0373, **lavidaeterna.org**.

KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES 216 Jonquil Avenue NW, Fort Walton Beach.

NICEVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST Sunday bible study at 9 AM, worship at 10 AM. Sunday evening service, 5 PM. Mid-week bible study Wednesdays at 7 PM. 801 John Sims Parkway East, Niceville. 850-678-2911.

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday vigil mass, 5 PM; Sunday masses, 8 and 10:30 AM; Daily liturgies, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM; Holy Days of Obligation, 8:30 AM and 6 PM; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, 9-10 AM; Confessions, Saturdays, 4-4:45 PM or by appointment. 259 Miramar Beach Dr., Destin, 850-837-0358.

SAFE HARBOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday school at 9:30 AM, worship service at 10:30. 801 Airport Road, Destin, 850-837-2133.

SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday Vigil mass at 5:30 PM year round. Sunday services at 8 AM, 10 AM and 5 PM Holy Day services, call the office please. 137 Moll Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, just off U.S. 98. 850-267-2558. **www.saintritarparish.org**.

SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY CHURCH Interdenominational service 10 AM Sundays. 3524 Hwy. 98W, 850-267-7599.

SHORELINE CHURCH Non-denominational Sunday services at 8:30, 10 and 11:30 AM Check out our new location at 140 Palmetto Street in Destin, in the old Nighttown building. **www.shorelinechurch.net**.

ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH Service at 10 AM Sundays. 307 Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-650-2737

ST. MARKELLA & DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH Sunday service at 10 AM 400 Hwy. 98E, Mary Esther, 850-244-0822.

ST. SIMON'S ON THE SOUND EPISCOPAL CHURCH Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 AM and 5 PM 28 Hwy. 98W, FWB, 850-244-8621.

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FARMERS MARKETS

- 30A FARMERS MARKETS** Two convenient locations. Contact Diane at 850-499-4697 for more info.
- **GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS’ MARKET AT SANDESTIN** 600 Grand Boulevard, Miramar Beach. Saturdays year-round, 9 AM-1 PM
 - **30A FARMERS’ MARKET IN ROSEMARY BEACH COMMUNITY** Sundays year-round, 9 AM-1 PM Thursdays (Memorial Day through Labor Day), 9 AM-1 PM

GOLF

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PARKS & PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS

BEASLEY WAYSIDE PARK Picnic tables, public beach area, barbecue grills, bathhouse, and restrooms. Gulf side of Okaloosa Island, Hwy. 98W.

BLACKWATER RIVER STATE PARK NW of FWB off Hwy. 90. You can catch sight of lots of wildlife while camping, canoeing, hiking, and fishing. Milton, 850-983-5363.

BLUE MOUNTAIN BEACH Public parking for this access is located at the south end of CR-83 and Scenic Highway 30-A.

BRACKIN WAYSIDE PARK Gulf side of Okaloosa Island on Hwy. 98W. Facilities include restaurants, saloons, children’s playground, beach volleyball, three beach accesses, showers, public restrooms, and picnic table.

CAMP HELEN STATE PARK offers hiking, birding, beachcombing, swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking along with nine historic buildings. Located at 23937 Panama City Beach Parkway (U.S. 98), 12 miles east of 331, seven miles west of Highway 79. 850-233-5059.

CESSNA BAY Picnic tables, parking, rest rooms and boat access. 1476 N. CR-393.

CLEMENT E. TAYLOR CITY PARK This park is named after one of Destin’s early settlers and is on Choctawhatchee Bay. Chock full of shade trees, there are picnic areas and restrooms, but no camping. Destin, off Calhoun Avenue.

DUNE ALLEN In Dune Allen beach this access has parking, but no bathrooms, showers or picnic area. 5753 Hwy 30-A W., Santa Rosa Beach.

ED WALLINE A large public beach access in South Walton, providing handicapped parking, picnic tables, restrooms and showers. Intersection of Hwy 30-A and CR-393.

EDEN GARDENS STATE PARK An historic homestead under majestic, moss-draped oaks with a home surrounded by lawns and seasonal gardens. Tours of the home are Thursday through Monday hourly beginning at 10 AM with the last tour at 3 PM The park and picnic areas are open daily from 8 AM to sunset and located on CR-395 north off Hwy 98 in Point Washington. Call 850-231-4214 for more information.

GRAYTON BEACH STATE RECREATION AREA Camping, picnics, hiking, swimming, saltwater fishing, and boating. Showers and electricity are part of the amenities. Access from S. Hwy. 30-A, South Walton, 850-267-8300.

GRAYTON DUNES Handicapped and public parking plus beach access. Behind the Red Bar in Grayton Beach.

GULF SHORE MANOR Public restrooms, handicapped and public parking. 3468 E. Hwy 30-A, Seagrove Beach.

GULFVIEW HEIGHTS Located at the end of Gulfview Heights St, behind Goatfeather’s restaurant, this access offers parking, picnic areas and restrooms.

HENDERSON BEACH STATE PARK This park has it all: camping, swimming area sheltered picnic areas, grills, and restrooms. But there is no boat ramp and jet skis and other personal watercraft are prohibited. 17000 Hwy. 98W, Destin, 850-837-7550.

INLET BEACH This area offers handicapped and public parking, restrooms and dune walkers to the beach. 438 S. Orange St. in Inlet Beach.

LEGION BAY Picnic tables, public parking, boat ramp and restrooms. Intersection of Ponce de Leon and Crest Dr, 191 Crest Dr, Sandestin.

MARLER MEMORIAL PARK Public beach area, picnic tables, barbecue grills, boat ramp, restrooms and bathhouse. Bay side of Okaloosa Island, off Santa Rosa Blvd.

MIRAMAR BEACH ACCESS Parking with public beach access. Scenic Hwy 98 and Driftwood Road, adjacent to Pompano Joe’s.

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Books

Serge in General: Author Tim Dorsey Visits Destin Library

Bestselling author **Tim Dorsey** visits the Destin Library Tuesday, **April 30** from 5:30 to 7 PM. Prior to speaking, the author will sign and sell books and also have available for sale other merchandise associated with characters from his stories. This program is FREE to the public. Seating will be limited.

Mr. Dorsey moved to Florida at the age of 1, growing up in a small town north of Miami. He graduated from Auburn University in 1983. Between 1983 and 1987, he was a police and courts reporter for *The Alabama Journal*.

In 1987, Mr. Dorsey joined the *Tampa Tribune*, working as a general assignment reporter and later as a political reporter in the *Tribune's* Tallahassee bureau. In 1999, he left the newspaper to write full time.

Tim Dorsey has published 25 novels, including . His most recent works include *No Sunscreen for the Dead* (2019), *The Pope of Palm Beach* (2018), *Clownfish Blues* (2017) and *Coconut Cowboy* (2016).

Discover more at www.timdorsey.com.
- Will Rogers



Book Clubs

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

ADSO BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Art Center, Fort Walton Beach, 5-6 PM
artsdesignsociety.org

The discussion is based on Steven Pressfield's *War of Art: Break Through the Blocks and Win Your Inner Creative Battles*. Anyone interested in talking about creativity is welcome.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Mary Esther Public Library, 3:30 PM
850-243-5731

TUESDAY, MAY 14

BOOK LOVERS CLUB

Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach, 10 AM
850-267-2809

The club meets on the second Tuesday of the month through May 2019. No registration required, and all interested parties are welcome. This season's list includes Christina Baker Kline's *A Piece of the World*, Kristen Hannah's *The Great Alone*, John Steinbeck's *Travels with Charlie*, Lisa Wingate's *Before We Were Yours*, Celeste Ng's *Little Fires Everywhere*, David Grann's *Killing of the Flower Moon*, Mitch Albom's *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto*, Jodi Picoult's *Small Great Things*, and Helen Simonson's *The Summer Before the War*.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

ALL ABOUT BOOKS

Mary Esther Public Library, 10 AM
850-243-5731

Upcoming Books

APRIL 30

Jay DeMarcus, *Shotgun Angels: My Story of Broken Roads and Unshakeable Hope*

Stuart Gibbs, *Spy School: British Invasion*

Kirk Goldsberry, *SprawlBall: A Visual Tour of the New Era of the NBA*

Jennifer McMahon, *The Invited*

Paul Stanley, *Backstage Pass*

America's Test Kitchen: The Ultimate Burger

MAY 7

Mary Kay Andrews, *Sunset Beach: A Novel*

Common, *Let Love Have the Last Word: A Memoir*

Ani DiFranco, *No Walls and the Recurring Dream: A Memoir*

David McCullough, *The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West*

Adam Savage, *Every Tool's a Hammer: Life Is What You Make It*

Trent Shelton, *The Greatest You: Face Reality, Release Negativity, and Live Your Purpose*

Sources: Amazon.com, Pauseandplay.com

David Simmons' Top 25 Films of All Time

1. *The Tree of Life* (Terrence Malick, 2011)
2. *Selma* (Ava Duvernay, 2014)
3. *Moonlight* (Barry Jenkins, 2016)
4. *Cinema Paradiso* (Giuseppe Tornatore, Italy, 1989)
5. *Persona* (Ingmar Bergman, Sweden, 1966)
6. *There Will Be Blood* (Paul Thomas Anderson, 2007)
7. *Citizen Kane* (Orson Welles, 1941)
8. *Children of Men* (Alfonso Cuaron, 2006)
9. *The Lord of the Rings Trilogy* (Peter Jackson, 2001-03)
10. *The Seventh Seal* (Ingmar Bergman, Sweden, 1957)
11. *E.T.* (Steven Spielberg, 1982)
12. *Brokeback Mountain* (Ang Lee, 2005)
13. *Gandhi* (Richard Attenborough, 1982)
14. *The Graduate* (Mike Nichols, 1967)
15. *Amelie* (Jean-Pierre Jeunet, France, 2001)
16. *The Mission* (Roland Joffe, 1986)
17. *Psycho* (Alfred Hitchcock, 1960)
18. *Nights of Cabiria* (Federico Fellini, Italy, 1956)
19. *Rashomon* (Akira Kurasawa, Japan, 1950)
20. *The Godfather Parts I and II* (Francis Ford Coppola, 1972-74)
21. *Call Me by Your Name* (Luca Guadagnino, 2017)
22. *Network* (Sidney Lumet, 1976)
23. *Sunset Boulevard* (Billy Wilder, 1950)
24. *2001: A Space Odyssey* (Stanley Kubrick, 1968)
25. *Atonement* (Joe Wright, U.K., 2007)

Dr. David C. Simmons is the Professor of Film and Humanities at Northwest Florida State College.

UPCOMING DVD/BLU-RAY/VOD RELEASES

APRIL 26

Street Food. A Netflix original docuseries.

APRIL 30

Miss Bala. Gina Rodriguez in a cross-border crime drama.

Never-Ending Man: Hayao Miyazaki. Blu-ray.

Serenity. Matthew McConaughey, Anne Hathaway, Jason Clarke.

Tarantula! The *Citizen Kane* of giant spider flicks.

MAY 7

The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part

Sesame Street: Awesome Alphabet Collection

What Men Want. Taraji P. Henson, Aldis Hodge.

Source: Metacritic.com

OPENING SOON IN THEATERS

APRIL 26

Avengers: Endgame. The epic conclusion to Marvel Studios' 97-film series.

MAY 3

Long Shot. Seth Rogen, Charlize Theron.

UglyDolls. Kelly Clarkson, Nick Jonas.

Source: Metacritic.com



LOCAL FILM SCREENINGS

MONDAY, APRIL 29

"SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS"

HarborWalk Village, Destin, 8 PM
www.HarborWalkVillage.com
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TUESDAY, APRIL 30



FREE FAMILY MOVIES ON THE BEACH
Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, 7 PM
[ALSBEACHCLUB.COM/ MOVIE NIGHT](http://ALSBEACHCLUB.COM/MOVIE NIGHT)
Enjoy a FREE screening of *Ratatouille*.

TUESDAY, MAY 7

FREE FAMILY MOVIES ON THE BEACH

Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, 7 PM
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Enjoy a FREE screening of *Surf's Up*.



THURSDAY, MAY 21



"SINGIN' IN THE RAIN"
Destin Library, 2 PM
850-837-8572
Gene Kelly and Stanley Donen's immortal classic features great dance numbers, vibrant colors and tons of laughs. FREE screening presented by the Friends Guild of the Destin Library.

DESTIN EAST PASS TIDE AND SUNSET CHART

4.25	Sunrise	6:08am	TIDES	
	Sunset	7:20pm	Low	1:32am
	Moon	70%	High	2:26pm
4.26	Sunrise	6:07am	TIDES	
	Sunset	7:20pm	Low	2:29am
	Moon	60%	High	3:20pm
4.27	Sunrise	6:06am	TIDES	
	Sunset	7:21pm	Low	3:12am
	Moon	51%	High	4:15pm
4.28	Sunrise	6:05am	TIDES	
	Sunset	7:22pm	Low	3:41am
	Moon	41%	High	5:15pm
4.29	Sunrise	6:04am	TIDES	
	Sunset	7:22pm	Low	3:58am
	Moon	32%	High	6:32pm
4.30	Sunrise	6:03am	TIDES	
	Sunset	7:23pm	Low	4:01am/4:33pm
	Moon	24%	High	12:13am/8:25pm
5.1	Sunrise	6:03am	TIDES	
	Sunset	7:24pm	Low	3:48am/5:48pm
	Moon	16%	High	10:57am/10:43pm
5.2	Sunrise	6:02am	TIDES	
	Sunset	7:24pm	Low	3:04am/6:35pm
	Moon	9%	High	10:25am
5.3	Sunrise	6:01am	TIDES	
	Sunset	7:25pm	High	10:16am
	Moon	4%	Low	7:17pm
5.4	Sunrise	6:00am	TIDES	
	Sunset	7:26pm	High	10:23am
	Moon	1%	Low	8:01pm
5.5	Sunrise	5:59am	TIDES	
	Sunset	7:26pm	High	10:42am
	Moon	0%	Low	5:52pm
5.6	Sunrise	5:58am	TIDES	
	Sunset	7:27pm	High	11:13pm
	Moon	0%	Low	9:52pm
5.7	Sunrise	5:58am	TIDES	
	Sunset	7:28pm	High	11:53am
	Moon	3%	Low	11:02pm
5.8	Sunrise	5:57am	TIDES	
	Sunset	7:28pm	High	12:41pm
	Moon	9%		

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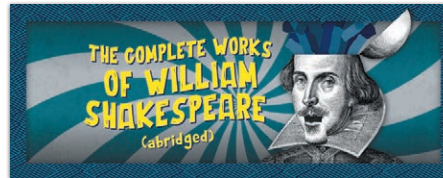
SATURDAY, APRIL 27

BIG DEAL BURLESQUE
Vinyl Music Hall, Pensacola
VinylMusicHall.com

MONDAY, APRIL 29

**CAPT. DAVY AND THE CROSSBONES CREW
PIRATE SHOW**
Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar, Okaloosa Island,
5-9 PM
ALSBEACHCLUB.COM

THURSDAY, MAY 2



**"THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM
SHAKESPEARE (abridged)"**
The REP Theatre, Seaside, 7:30 PM (Doors Open
at 7)
LoveTheREP.com
Kevin Boyle, Brook Stetler and Kyle Walter
in a fast-paced ride through 37 of Shakespeare's
plays in just 97 minutes. Tickets are \$30 general
admission (\$24 for REP members).

FRIDAY, MAY 3

**"THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM
SHAKESPEARE (abridged)"**
The REP Theatre, Seaside, 7:30 PM (Doors Open
at 7)
LoveTheREP.com

SATURDAY, MAY 4

**"THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM
SHAKESPEARE (abridged)"**
The REP Theatre, Seaside, 7:30 PM (Doors Open
at 7)
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MONDAY, MAY 6

**CAPT. DAVY AND THE CROSSBONES CREW
PIRATE SHOW**
Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar, Okaloosa Island,
5-9 PM
ALSBEACHCLUB.COM

FRIDAY, MAY 10

**"THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM
SHAKESPEARE (abridged)"**
The REP Theatre, Seaside, 7:30 PM (Doors Open
at 7)
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SATURDAY, MAY 11

**"THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM
SHAKESPEARE (abridged)"**
The REP Theatre, Seaside, 7:30 PM (Doors Open
at 7)
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FRIDAY, MAY 16 - SUNDAY, MAY 18 FRIDAY, MAY 3

**"THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM
SHAKESPEARE (abridged)"**
The REP Theatre, Seaside, 7:30 PM (Doors Open
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Taco Variations and Cool Stuff to Look at in Santa Rosa Beach

If you love tacos and their variations, but want something more than a fast-food experience—such as servers, a full bar, comfy seats and cool stuff to look at while you eat—**Red Fish Taco** was made for you. My family and I had dinner at Red Fish on a recent weekend (they also serve lunch, with a slightly smaller menu), and the evening was one pleasant surprise after another.

“Surprise” may not be the right word. It was more a series of happy discoveries. It started with the outdoor seating. Unlike some places that seat you in the open air, Red Fish offers sturdy, substantial seats and tables, none of those rickety lawn chairs and circus-balancing stools you sometimes get. It was breezy that day, so we went inside. Even if you choose to eat outside, you should go indoors just for the view.

It’s a high-ceiling dining room, with window seats, a sunken dining area, tables, chairs and benches, and a long, sturdy, saloon-grade bar. The wood-paneled walls are hung with colorful Southwest and coastal artwork (bulls, fish, fantastic beasts, etc.). There are several murals depicting stuff one might see after a few glasses of *pechuga* mezcal with *sal gusano*, plus one Aztec temple panorama crafted from surfboards (just go look at it, you’ll see what I mean).

We were seated near a window, given menus and left to make our decisions. Tacos are pre-eminent, but the menu

offers salads, soups, substantial starters, rice bowls, grilled items, and house specialties. There’s a wealth of sides, bar snacks, and dips.

My wife has to avoid dairy, so your typical Mexican restaurant can be a culinary minefield for her. Not so Red Fish Taco. While there’s cheese and dairy here and there, it’s not added to everything as a matter of course. So we were definitely spoiled for choice.

We all agreed on the starter—guacamole—to go with the basket of warm chips that our server (Alexis) had brought, along with a bowl of fabulous red salsa. The latter is a pureed blend that combined fire-roasted smokiness (the peppers and maybe the tomatoes as well) with plenty of citrusy cilantro. We could not finish it, but took it home in a cup, it’s that good. The guacamole was creamy and smooth with right-sized chunks of ripe avocado, and none of it made it home.

We were all leaning toward tacos. My wife chose soft-flour tortilla pork carnitas tacos, I ordered a crispy street taco filled with duck confit and sweet potatoes, and Grace got a child’s meal of beef tacos with “sidewinder” fried potatoes. We also ordered a side of back beans with pork, and Alexis brought a second basket of warm chips—they’re dusted with a subtle but spicy seasoning.

There were only a few people when we got there (we eat early on review nights), but the place soon filled, mainly with families and lots of kids. The servers kept things moving swiftly and easily, taking time to help diners with decisions and keep the margaritas and mojitos coming. The house music mix—Santana, the Grateful Dead, Eagles, Drifters and Heart, among others—made the brief wait all the pleasanter.

Our entrees arrived. I knew I was going to get the duck confit as soon as I saw it on the menu, though it’s not exactly traditional. My three tacos were hot and crackling crisp, stuffed with shreds and chunks of silky and savory duck, with bits of caramelized sweet potatoes scattered throughout. A sweet, tart plum sauce, lime wedge and marinated cabbage completed the picture. It’s sort of a folded-up hand-sized nacho/dumpling hybrid, with a Chinese twist.

My wife’s soft flour tacos were likewise filled to the edge with tender shredded pork, with a chili-lime aioli and cilantro to cut the richness. The cup of black beans and pork had a stew-like quality—a bowl of it would have made a meal.

Grace’s tacos were filled with ground beef, and her child’s serving size could have easily fed a grownup. The sidewinder potatoes were the fat “steak fry” kind—twisted, with a touch of seasoning. My wife and I finished all our tacos, but my daughter took half of hers home.

Other choices include soft or crispy tacos with grilled fish, blackened shrimp, chicken, crispy catfish, grilled avocado, beef with peanut red curry, marinated chicken thighs, chili steak, smoked brisket, short ribs, and orange chipotle barbecue shrimp. There are also burgers, a Cuban sandwich, potato-wrapped grouper, New York strip steak, and rice bowls with assorted meats or seafood.

The list of desserts included key lime pie, “ice cream tacos,” fresh-



baked cookies, and churros with a chocolate dipping sauce. We got the latter to share. There were five hot and crunchy churros, dusted with sugar and cinnamon, and a cup of warm chocolate sauce. When you’ve dipped all you can, get a spoon to scrape up the rest of the chocolate—or just pick it up and drink it down like java, because you won’t want to leave it behind.



Duck confit tacos.

RED FISH TACO
2052 CR-30A West
Santa Rosa Beach
850-994-7443

Hours: Open Sun.-Tue., 11 AM-9 PM; Wed.-Sat., 11 AM-midnight.

Reservations: Not accepted.

Children’s Menu: Yes

Dress: Casual

Soft, crunchy or grilled tacos, filled with all manner of good stuff—beef, pork, fish, shrimp, chicken, even duck. There’s also shareable starters, soup, salads, rice bowls, bar snacks, sandwiches and house specialties. Eat outside or in the cool, elegant and beautifully decorated interior. Friendly and efficient service. Open daily, full bar, \$5-34.

Bruce Collier: 10 Things I'd Never Write in a Restaurant Review

1.

"Newly-opened Restaurant G is located on the site of former restaurants A, B, C, D, E and F."
2.

"The \$20 All You Can Eat Lobster Special is one of the most popular items on the Secret Menu."
3.

"The restaurant offers friendly service; servers give each diner a nickname throughout the meal."
4.

"Servers have 10 minutes to invoke the Apology in Advance for Bad Service rule."
5.

"The Executive Chef welcomes impromptu kitchen visits and diner suggestions on improving dishes."
6.

"In an effort to create a harmonious atmosphere, management has set up designated FOX, MSNBC and CNN TV news dining rooms, all soundproofed."
7.

"Child-friendly Whiskey Tastings are a popular Wednesday night after-church event."
8.

"Insider Tip—the phrase 'Market Price' on a menu item is intended as an invitation to haggle."
9.

"Tables with unruly children and rowdy drunks are seated prominently for the entertainment and edification of fellow diners."
10.

"Diners are cordially invited to pluck down and pocket as many dollar bills as they like from above the bar."

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If your favorite restaurant isn't listed here, let us know by dropping an email to us at chris@beachcomberdestin.com!

AMERICAN

RESTAURANT PARADIS Nestled in the beautiful coastal town of Rosemary Beach, you'll find this hidden gem that loyal customers like to call home. Evoking a warm neighborhood feel, the dining area features an understated wine country elegance. Open for dinner beginning at 5 PM, Paradis is committed to serving fresh seasonal ingredients, which celebrate local produce and an abundance of fresh Gulf seafood, along with prime steaks and fine wines. Paradis welcomes wedding receptions, rehearsal dinners, and all celebrations, both intimate and large. Come join us! Located at 82 S Barrett Square, Rosemary Beach. Call 850-534-0400 or visit www.restaurantparadis.com.

ASIAN

LIN'S ASIAN CUISINE Enjoy carefully prepared and artfully served Chinese and Southeast Asian dishes in a pleasant and welcoming atmosphere. Chicken, beef, pork, duck, fish and shellfish are cooked to suit most tastes, and Lin's offers your favorites—General Tso's chicken, Mongolian beef, pad thai, lo mein and kung pao, among many others. Beer and wine. \$2-15. 130 Scenic Gulf Dr. #5B, Miramar Beach, 850-424-5888.

BAKERIES

CAKEMASTER'S BAKERY II Quality baked goods since 1971, made from scratch on the premises by a fourth generation baker. Decorated cakes for all occasions. New Sweet Expressions cake collection. Breakfast pastries—Danish (cheese, pecan, fruit), assorted coffee cakes, cinnamon rolls, crumb cake, strudel, bienstich, pecan crispies. Delicious delights—brownies, regulah, cream fingers, biscotti, cookies (wedding, sugar, chocolate chip, raisin, fruit bars, holiday) and more. Refrigerated desserts—éclairs, Boston cream pie, cheesecake, black forest cake, Italian rum cake, Napoleons, French cream puffs and more. Come on by and see us. 105 Beach Drive Suite A-3, Fort Walton Beach (behind Pizza Hut on Racetrack Road), 850-862-4911. Closed Mondays.

BARBEQUE

BACK BEACH BARBECUE offers a delicious yet refined menu highlighted by 12-hour slow cooked meats, simple homemade sides, gluten-free options and four sauces made special in house. At the center of attention are the restaurant's two wood fired pits, "Smokey" and "The Bandit," easily viewed and smelled from the covered patio, outdoor patio or via two garage doors which give the restaurant a true open-air feel. Back Beach Barbecue also offers catering for private and corporate events, delivery and a mobile food truck. The restaurant is open seven days a week for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, beginning at 6:30 AM. Located at 19714 Panama City Beach Parkway, Panama City Beach. Call 850-249-0822 or visit www.backbeachbarbecue.com.

LILLIE'S Q Award-winning on the national level barbecue restaurant located at 9848 Hwy. 98 W., Miramar Beach, approximately seven miles east of the Mid Bay Bridge. We offer barbecue that represents all areas of the U.S., such as pulled pork, baby back ribs, smoked chicken breast and beef tri-tip (sliced sirloin). All meat products are slow smoked using natural wood and lump charcoal. Seven sauce choices with delicious side orders and the best banana pudding in the Panhandle. We offer a wrap around porch. No inside seating. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11 AM-6 PM Call ahead orders welcomed! 850-654-3911.

BREAKFAST & MORE

ASIAGO'S SKILLET There's no place like it. Open daily from midnight till noon. Try your hand at our one-of-a-kind Crab Cake Benny, mouth watering Bananas Foster French Toast or our classic American Breakfast. We've got something for everyone. Plus, don't miss out on our Build Your Own Bloody Mary Bar, complete with infused vodkas, every weekend. Truly breakfast at its best. 110 Amberjack Drive, Okaloosa Island, 850-586-7998. www.facebook.com/asiago.skillet.

BLUE COLLAR CAFE Made to order breakfast and lunch served all day. House made bagels. Full coffee bar with Maas coffee and espresso roasted at the cafe. Home of the famous BOB (breakfast on a bagel) and New York style lox and house-mixed cream cheese. Salads and sides, homemade scones and sweets. Open Mon.-Fri., 7:30 AM-2:30 PM; Saturdays, 8 AM-2 PM 104 Hollywood Blvd. SW, Fort Walton Beach.

CAMILLE'S CAFE Start your day with coffee and breakfast. We feature fluffy eggs, cinnamon rolls, apple pie muffins, fresh juice and smoothies. For lunch, enjoy our fresh caught tuna salad on an Asiago cheese bagel, Sriracha turkey sandwich or Mediterranean chicken salad sandwich. Plus all day Bloody Marys, mimosas, beer, and daiquiris made with fresh-squeezed juice. Join our party! 2931 Scenic Highway 98, Destin, 850-337-8860.

GRITS AND GRIND In 2011, a love affair between Memphis and the NBA Grizzlies began. With a Grit and Grind style of basketball, this southern team exemplifies hard work. Our owners bring the same commitment to hard work and fresh food at Grits & Grind, a breakfast establishment located in Seacrest Beach. We serve up a great southern breakfast and more, with friendly service in a fun atmosphere. Open daily, 7-11 AM. 10343 E Co. Hwy. 30A, Seacrest Beach, 850-231-4021. gritsandgrindbreakfast.com.

THE LOCAL MARKET Open 7 AM-3 PM daily. Fresh pressed juices, coffee, breakfast, gourmet sandwiches, homemade ice cream and more. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-460-8979.

THE PANCAKERY Serving breakfast and lunch daily from 7 AM - 2 PM Featuring build your own pancakes and omelettes! Waffles, French Toast, crepes, benedicts, bananas foster and all traditional breakfast items. Also, lunch menu includes sandwiches, burgers, salads, wraps, and loaded potatoes. Now serving bloody marys, mimosas and cold beer. 960 Hwy 98 East, Suite 104, Destin. 850-269-0791.

BURGERS

AL'S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-226-4100. ALSBEACHCLUB.COM

CASUAL DINING

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK Destin, 850-424-6650. GraffitiFBS.com

COFFEE SHOPS

MAAS COFFEE ROASTERS Fresh roasted beans of origin, roasted in different profiles. Specialty coffee roasters for over 10 years. "Once you go Maas, you'll never go 'Bucks!" Fresh made pastries and bagels, FREE WiFi. Open Mon.-Sat., 8 AM-6 PM; Sundays, 9 AM-4 PM 150 Miracle Strip Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, across from the Indian Temple Mound Museum. 850-585-0496.

CONTEMPORARY

LOUIS LOUIS Louis Louis is another dining hit. This "sister" restaurant to the famous Red Bar offers a short but all-star menu of fish, chicken, pork, crab cakes and pasta entrees, served in fat portions by a friendly staff. Do whatever you have to do, but don't skip dessert. Colorful décor, comfy tables, full bar, \$5-25. 35 Mussett Bayou Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-1500.

DINNER & A SHOW

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK If you're looking for something different in town for the whole family, come enjoy Graffiti & The Funky Blues Shack. We've been around for 20-plus years doing what we do best – FOOD + MUSIC! Our dishes are tried and true and are sure to satisfy everyone in your group. Our menu showcases a little bit of everything. We offer some of the best gourmet pizzas and pastas in town. We also prepare fresh caught Gulf seafood and perfectly grilled filets. Vegetarian? No worries, we've got you covered, too. While enjoying your delectable meal, you will also experience listening or boogieing to some of the best local and out-of-town talent. We have Jazz Jams, Blues Jams, and everything in between. We weren't voted Best Live Music Venue three years in a row for nothing! Summer music schedule is seven days a week—Sun.-Thu., 7-10 PM and Fri. and Sat., 8 PM until... We have a full bar and offer an early Happy Hour from 4 to 7 PM, as well as a late night Happy Hour Friday and Saturday (check website for time). Located at 34902 Emerald Coast Parkway in Destin. For reservations, call 850-424-6650. Full menu and music schedule at GraffitiFBS.com.

REDD'S FUELING STATION a/k/a Redd's Pub N Song, specializes in great food and music. The menu is simple but delicious, including slow cooked beef brisket, sweet and spicy babybacks and fried green tomato BLTs. **Redd the Singing Bartender** sings as she bartends, hosts and serves on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays—customers can participate by requesting songs for tips. Redd offers over 350 songs to choose from. Wednesday is Open Mic Night, the longest running open mic on 30A with musicians of all levels and ages welcome. We have the sound system, you bring your instrument and your talent. Friday nights are live music. Redd likes to promote local musicians and several popular local bands had their first gigs here, including the Luke Langford Band and Mose Wilson and the Delta Twang. Dinner reservations for four or more are highly recommended. Located at 2320 West County Highway 30A in Blue Mountain Beach. Call 850-325-0252 for information and reservations. Visit www.reddsfuel.com and find **Redd's Pub N Song** on Facebook.

ECLECTIC

CAFÉ THIRTY-A Cafe Thirty-A has been here a while. Finding out why can be a delicious experience. A nightly-changing menu offers steaks, chicken, pork, lamb, and local seafood elegantly prepared with imaginative sauces and sides, courteously served in a beautiful beach-house atmosphere. Lobster bisque, stone crab claws, seasonal fish and shellfish, and wood oven-baked pizzas. Full bar. \$8-36. 3899 E. Scenic Highway 30-A, Seagrove Beach, 850-231-2166.

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GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK
Destin, 850-424-6650. [GraffitiFBS.com](#)

THE RED BAR The place to go—and say you went—in Grayton Beach. The Red Bar offers breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a short but expertly prepared menu of sandwiches, soup and salads for lunch, chicken, local fish, pasta and crab cakes for dinner. The apple dumpling will haunt you, in a good way. Live music, and more local color than you'll know what to do with. Full bar, \$4-21. 70 Hotz Avenue, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008. [www.theredbar.com](#).

FINE DINING

EDWARD'S FINE FOOD AND WINE Relax, you're at Edward's. Open everyday from 5 PM until everyone is full. Courtyard and indoor seating available. Join us at the chef's counter, and watch as the team prepares gourmet dishes to order. We love children, so for safety and as a courtesy to others, children must remain seated with their parents. We operate on a first come first serve and do not take reservations. We look forward to serving you. 66 Main Street, Rosemary Beach, 850-231-0550. **Edwards30a.com**.

GERMAN/AMERICAN

FOKKERS PUB German sausages and homemade schnitzels go great with German beer! Brick oven pizza, grilled or fried wings, burgers, sandwiches and salad bar – there's something for everyone! Live music Wednesdays and Fridays. Located at 215 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE Unit #1 in Downtown Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-6666.

HEALTHY DINING

GEORGE'S AT ALYS BEACH Established in 2008, George's has offered regional coastal fare infused with global flavors to the quaint town of Alys Beach. We craft all of our dishes using locally sourced organic produce and the freshest seafood available, and present each with a generous helping of love. Our dishes fall into two categories—Behave and Misbehave. The Behave section features organic, spa-inspired dishes, while the Misbehave side touts traditional beach fare like fried seafood baskets and po-boys. The menu is rounded out with a thoughtfully curated wine list and a selection of decadent desserts. Our charming beach cottage provides the perfect backdrop for a casual dinner with friends and family. Dine indoors in our airy yet cozy dining room, or soak in the beautiful Florida sunshine on our front deck or screened porches. Open 11 AM-3 PM and 5-9 PM 30 Castle Harbour Dr., Panama City Beach, 850-641-0017, [georgesatalysbeach.net](#).

ITALIAN

CIAO ITALIA BISTRO Dine inside or outside at Guglielmo Ianni's latest bistro. The big menu offers classic Italian appetizers like bruschetta, caprese and calamari, and a range of pasta, chicken, meat, fish and shellfish entrees—puttanesca, Bolognese, parmigiana, pescatore, and some house originals. Daily specials, family dining options, comfortable atmosphere and friendly service. Full bar. Open Monday through Saturday, 5-10 PM 985 U.S. 98 East, Suite F, Destin, 850-842-4677.

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK
Destin, 850-424-6650. [GraffitiFBS.com](#)

TUSCANY ITALIAN BISTRO Authentic Italian cuisine includes pasta, freshest seafood, tender veal and more. A true taste of Italy—beautiful Italian decor with handpainted murals. Live

Entertainment by Eclipse (Don and Amanda), Special Happy Hour from 5 to 8 PM 36178 Emerald Coast Pkwy. Next to City Market in Destin. 850-650-2451.

LATIN / MEXICAN

BUD & ALLEY'S TACO BAR Shake the sand off your feet, choose a colorful table, and get ready to experience South of the Border favorites, Florida-style. Baja fish tacos, homemade guacamole, burritos, top shelf margaritas, and ice cold cerveza hit the spot for lunch or dinner. Open daily, 11 AM-9 PM 2236 East Scenic Highway 30A, Seaside, 850-231-4781. **BudAndAlleys.com**.

LA COCINA is a Latin-inspired restaurant featuring both specialty dishes with a Latin flair as well as classic Tex-Mex cuisine. Nestled between Rosemary Beach and Alys Beach (in Seacrest Beach), the friendly staff offers some of the best drinks along 30A, including house-made mojitos, sangria, and a selection of fresh-squeezed lime margaritas. La Cocina is always voted as one of South Walton's hot spots for Mexican cuisine. All dishes are prepared from scratch using the freshest ingredients available. Open daily for lunch, 11:30 AM-3 PM, dinner from 5 to 9 PM. Seacrest Beach, 850-231-4021.

LA PAZ offers just about anything you'd want from a Mexican-Southwestern kitchen, including tamales, tacos, fajitas, burritos, enchiladas and quesadillas, plus a thoughtfully prepared list of grilled local fish and shellfish and imaginative spins on classics. Daily dinner specials, full bar. \$15-25. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-837-2247. [www.lapazdestin.com](#).

PEPITO'S MEXICAN GRILL An enormous menu, plenty of room, and a friendly staff make Pepito's a good bet for a Mexican snack or feast. Traditional and unusual fare includes carnitas, enchiladas, fajitas, vegetarian dishes, steaks and seafood specialties. \$4-19. 757 Harbor Blvd, Destin, 650-7734. Additional locations in Bluewater Bay and Fort Walton Beach. [www.mypepitos.com](#).

ROCKIN TACOS GRILL & TEQUILA BAR Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-226-8226. **ROCKINTACOS.COM**

PIZZA & PASTA

BUD & ALLEY'S PIZZA BAR + TRATTORIA Savor artisan cheese, fresh salad, antipasto dishes, homemade soups, seasonal vegetables, hearty pastas and wood-fired pizza. Experience these authentic flavors in the courtyard, fireside at the bar, or on the veranda overlooking the Gulf. Open daily for lunch and dinner, 11 AM-9 PM 2236 East Scenic Highway 30A, Seaside, 850-231-3113. **BudAndAlleysPizzaBar.com**.

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK
Destin, 850-424-6650. [GraffitiFBS.com](#)

MELLOW MUSHROOM PIZZA BAKERY Widely, wildly assorted menu of stone baked pizzas, hoagies, calzones, salads, and specialty items. Pizzas traditional and exotic include pesto, jerk chicken, gourmet white, and Magical Mystery Tour. Colorful psychedelic décor and friendly service. \$4-25. 960 Hwy 98E, Sunsations Plaza, Destin, 650-6420.

SEAFOOD

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF A tradition since 1977, Capt. Dave's is a go-to place for the kind of seafood that made this area famous. A time-tested selection of fried, grilled, and broiled fish, shellfish, steaks and chicken, with house and seasonal specialties. Full bar. \$5-25. 3796 Scenic Hwy 98, Destin, 850-837-2627.

THE CRAB TRAP SEAFOOD AND OYSTER BAR Destin, 850-654-2722. **CRABTRAPFLORIDA.COM**

THE CRAB TRAP SEAFOOD AND OYSTER BAR Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-301-0959. **CRABTRAPFLORIDA.COM**

DEWEY DESTIN'S HARBORSIDE RESTAURANT The classics, done right. Shrimp, crab, tuna, grouper, scallops, oysters and some land-based items, served fried, grilled, or steamed in most conceivable combinations. Family-friendly, accommodating staff. Nightly specials, full bar. Open daily at 11 AM 202 Harbor Boulevard, Destin, 850-837-7525.

DEWEY DESTIN'S NAVARRE All your favorites, plus live music with Beachcomber Music Award winner Austin Jennings every Saturday night from 8 to 11. Open Sun.-Thu., 11 AM-8 PM, and Fri.-Sat., 11 AM-9 PM. 8673 Navarre Parkway, Navarre, 850-710-7070.

DEWEY DESTIN'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT Get fed with the real locals on Calhoun. Dine inside or out on the water, choosing from grilled and fried local fish and shellfish. Oysters, scallops, shrimp, crab, yellowfin and daily catch served in baskets, on platters or on sandwiches with gumbo, apps and salads that all go well with the laid-back setting. Beer and wine. Open daily at 11 AM 9 Calhoun Avenue, Destin, 850-837-7575.

FLOYD'S SHRIMP HOUSE Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-243-2232. **FLOYDSSHRIMPHOUSE.COM**

GRANDE VISTA BAR & GRILL Located in the Emerald Grande. Open daily 7 AM-9 PM for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Grande Vista Bar & Grill has delicious local seafood, signature sandwiches and mouth-watering burgers. Enjoy casual or business lunch inside or poolside overlooking the Destin Harbor. Enjoy special drink prices inside or outside at our poolside bar. The view from our pool deck is simply breathtaking. Half-priced drinks daily, 4-6 PM 10 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8100 x1550. [info@emeraldgrande.com](#).

HARBOR DOCKS on the historic Destin Harbor has been serving simply prepared Gulf to table seafood from its own market since 1979. Offering hearty breakfasts, a lunch menu featuring blue plate specials alongside authentic Thai dishes, and the area's best sushi by world famous Chef Yoshie Eddings. In addition to traditional Gulf seafood dishes, there is something for everyone. 538 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-2506. **harbordocks.com**.

HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE Located in HarborWalk Village right on the beautiful Destin Harbor, Harry T's has something for all ages! With entrees ranging from fresh local seafood to our gourmet hamburgers, there's something for everyone! Voted Best Place to Watch the Sunset four years in a row, our outside deck offers an unparalleled view of the Destin Harbor. Mega Happy Hour Mon.-Fri. 11 AM-7 PM 46 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-654-4800. [info@harryts.co](#).

OLD BAY STEAMER Wide variety of fresh steamed seafood served in every imaginable combination. Choose from crab, shrimp, lobster, oysters, clams, mussels, and fresh catch of the day. Pasta and steak/seafood pairings also offered. Friendly, efficient service. Open daily for dinner, with full bar. \$4-27, 102 Santa Rosa Blvd., Okaloosa Island, 664-2795.

Food + Beverage

Nikki Hedrick: Misconceptions About Vegetarianism

"I've been a longtime vegetarian, creeping up on that 20-year mark," Nikki says. "These are the most recurring misconceptions I've experienced."

1. I don't scream it from the rooftops. There are times when it's appropriate for me to say, "Hey, guys, I'm the vegetarian in the group." More often than not, it doesn't really matter.
2. Not all vegetarians, vegans, etc. are militant. I won't pour paint on you or lecture you for hours. It's my choice, for my reasons.
3. I eat more than tofu and veggies.
4. All vegetarians are health nuts. Like pretty much anything, when you say all x are y, it's not going to be true in the first place. But anybody who's seen a recent picture of me knows I like food. I plan on making chocolate cake later today.
5. You can change my mind. Discussions don't bother me, but you aren't going to convince me to embrace my inner cavewoman and give up my vegetarian ways.
6. Bacon jokes are meh. I say this, knowing I risk nothing but bacon jokes being posted on my Facebook, but they don't make me angry or sad. Or laugh.
7. I'm not a member of PETA.
8. I eat enough protein. I eat enough in general. And after this many years, it isn't a passing fad.

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Restaurant Guide

ORIGINAL WATERFRONT CRAB SHACK
Located on the water. The Crab Shack serves crab, shrimp, oysters, mussels, scallops and assorted local fish in an informal and family-friendly atmosphere. Crab steamer buckets, fried seafood baskets, sandwiches and po-boys, and some land-based items. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Daily specials, inside and outside dining. Full bar. \$3-45. 104 Miracle Strip Pkwy., Fort Walton Beach. 850-664-0345.

POMPANO JOE’S Come on in for some fun and fresh seafood with a very exciting flavor. Try our famous reggae rolls and our garlic crusted grouper! Lunch and dinner. Open daily from 11 AM 2237 Scenic Gulf Highway, Destin. Take Holiday Road South, turn right on scenic Hwy. 98, drive down about two blocks, and you’ll find us on the left side. **www.pompano-joes.com.** 850-837-2224.

SALTWATER GRILL We provide a relaxing, casual atmosphere designed to heighten the enjoyment of our customers’ dining experience. Most of our tables have entertaining views of a 25,000-gallon aquarium filled with dozens of exotic fish. Our Gulf fresh seafood and choice steaks are amazing. We welcome you to join us. Open daily—Sun.-Thu., 4-10 PM, Fri.-Sat., 4-11 PM. Panama City Beach, 850-230-2739.

STINKY’S FISH CAMP Seafood is king at this informal Santa Rosa Beach eatery. Oysters “all ways,” crawfish pie, catfish or frog legs meuniere, and gumbo are just a few of the Louisiana-inspired dishes. Service is friendly and attentive. Open daily 11 AM to 10 PM Serving brunch on Sunday from 10 AM to 3 PM Beer, wine and live music at Stinky’s Bait Shack from 6 to 9 PM 5960 Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-3053.

THE SURF HUT Miramar Beach, 850-460-7750. **SURFHUTDESTIN.COM**

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RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE serves the finest aged, corn-fed USDA Prime beef. Broiled in a trademark 1,800° broiler and served on a plate heated to 500 degrees, your steak is presented sizzling hot at your table. Happy hour daily from 5 to 7 PM in any of our three bars, including the new East Bar. We boast an array of private event spaces, our own private billiard room, valet parking, and live entertainment five nights a week from *Billboard*-charting recording artist Michael J Thomas (upon availability). Open seven days a week at 5 PM For reservations, call 850-837-RUTH (7884) or visit **www.RuthsChrisDestin.com.**

SALTWATER GRILL Open 4-10 PM 1100 Hutchinson Blvd., Panama City Beach, 850-230-2739, **saltwatergrillpcb.com.**

SUSHI
JACKACUDAS SEAFOOD & SUSHI is a locally-owned seafood and sushi restaurant overlooking the historic Destin Harbor. The name derives from a famous fishing hole located 34 miles southwest of the Destin Harbor at 30°04.250N and 87°02.125W. Specializing in fresh, locally sourced seafood and products to provide our guests with classic Gulf Coast seafood dishes with New South culinary preparation. Open daily, 11 AM-10 PM 56 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-424-3507. **www.jackacudas.com.**

TAPAS AND WINE
LA CREMA TAPAS AND CHOCOLATE Spanish-inspired tapas restaurant featuring unique tapas and Spanish wines. The European vibe provides a relaxing atmosphere where we encourage guests to share dishes, converse and enjoy Rosemary Beach living. Open 11 AM-9 PM 38 Main St., Rosemary Beach, 850-624-7282, **lacrematapas.com.**

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BUD & ALLEY’S WATERFRONT RESTAURANT A pioneer of the fish- and farm-to-table movement, with an award-winning menu featuring Gulf Coast classics paired with Southern-style cuisine. The daily Sunset Celebration ritual on the Rooftop Deck overlooking the Gulf has been a tradition for more than 30 years. Open daily for breakfast (8-11 AM), lunch (11 AM-2:30 PM) and dinner (from 5 PM). Hours may vary. 2236 East Scenic Highway 30A, Seaside, 850-231-5900. **BudAndAlleys.com.**

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA Traditional and not so traditional Mexican and Latin food, featuring snapper enchiladas, grouper tacos, and award-winning seafood chorizo gumbo. Great selection of seafood dishes and Black Angus steaks, and all are big portions so make sure you’re hungry. Spacious dining area, multiple bars, even a fountain, plus the view of Destin Bridge and the East Pass. Full bar, wide choice of margaritas and beers, \$4-28, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex. 850-424-7417. **www.CrabIslandCantina.com.**

JIMMY BUFFETT’S MARGARITAVILLE From a volcano flowing with Margaritas to suspended airplanes, Margaritaville is more than a restaurant; it’s a state of mind. Open daily, 11 AM-10 PM Five O’Clock Somewhere celebration Mon.-Thu.,

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VUE ON 30A showcases one of the best views for dining in all of South Walton. Open to the public and serving lunch, dinner, happy hour and Sunday brunch. Named “Best Restaurant of 2014” by Beachcomber, Vue on 30a offers the ultimate dining experience. Open for Sunday brunch, 10 AM-2 PM; Tue.-Thu.—lounge 3-9 PM, dinner 5-9 PM; Fri.-Sat.—lounge 3-10 PM, dinner 5-10 PM; closed Mondays. Happy hour in the lounge only 3-6 PM. Two for one entrée specials Wed.-Sat., 5-6 PM. 4801 Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-2305. **www.Vueon30a.com.**

WINE BARS
TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ AND WINE BAR in Shalimar is an eclectic restaurant serving lunch and dinner with a varied menu of tapas style plates, flatbreads, Panini, award-winning ZinGouda burger and lasagna at dinnertime, and unique desserts. Our wine list includes wines from around the world. We host fundraising events and are available for any special occasion. Open Mon.-Thu. 11 AM-9 PM, 11 AM-10 PM Fridays, and 5-10 PM Saturdays. 1193 B Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, 850-651-5100. **twistedgrapewinebar.com**

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CAMILLE’S AT CRYSTAL BEACH
2931 Scenic Highway 98, Destin
850-337-8860
When: 3-5 PM daily.
Drink Specials: Lots, including Camille’s Signature Sangria. Plus a stunning view of the Gulf.

FISHHEADS
HarborWalk Village, Destin
When: 6-8 PM daily.
Drink Specials: \$1 off premium drafts and Drink of the Day.

FOKKER’S PUB
215 Miracle Strip Parkway SE Unit #1, Fort Walton Beach
850-244-6666
When: 3-7 PM every day except Tuesday (closed).
Drink Specials: \$2 domestic beers, \$3 well drinks (Jack, Jim, Bacardi, etc.), \$3 house wines, \$1 off everything else.

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK
34902 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin
850-424-6650
GraffitiFBS.com
When: 4-7 PM daily, late night happy hour Friday and Saturday, 10 PM-midnight.

GRANDE VISTA
Emerald Grande, HarborWalk Village, Destin
850-337-8100, ext. 1550
When: 4-6 PM daily.



Drink Specials: All drinks half off (except bottles of wine and Drink Special of the Day), plus specially priced apps.

HARRY T’S
HarborWalk Village, Destin
850-654-4800
When: Mon.-Fri., 11 AM-7 PM—downstairs bar only.
Drink Specials: Half off drinks.

JACKACUDAS
HarborWalk Village, Destin
850-424-3507
When: Monday-Friday, 3-6 PM Sushi bar and bar area only. Bonzai Wednesdays, 6

PM-close with half price sake, house wine, apps and sushi rolls.
Drink Specials: Half-price hot sake carafes, house wine pours, select draft beers and select apps, plus \$5 California rolls, spicy crab rolls and crunch salmon rolls.

JIMMY BUFFETT’S MARGARITA-VILLE
HarborWalk Village, Destin
850-460-7700
When: Monday-Friday, 10 PM-close.
Drink Specials: \$3 14-ounce Bud Light or Landshark draft, \$4 Barefoot cabernet and chardonnay, \$5 “Who’s to Blame” margaritas and “5 O’Clock Somewhere” cocktails.

*If your bar isn’t listed here, you need to email **chris@beachcomberdestin.com** immediately!*

LA PAZ
950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin
850-837-2247
When: 4-6 PM daily.
Drink Specials: \$5 top shelf Margaritas, FREE chips and salsa.

RESTAURANT PARADIS
82 S Barrett Square, Rosemary Beach
850-534-0400
Drink Specials: Daily from 5 to 6 PM—New Amsterdam Vodka Martinis for \$5. Every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 7 PM—\$5 select martinis and \$7 select wines.

SAMMY’S
1224 Santa Rosa Blvd., Fort Walton Beach
When: Early happy hour, 1-6 PM Late night happy hour, 2-4 AM Never a cover charge for escorted women, military, or restaurant-hotel-bar employees.
Drink Specials: Early happy hour—two for \$5 well drinks, \$10 buckets of beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge. Late night happy hour—two for \$6 well drinks, \$12 buckets of beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge after 3 AM

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ AND WINE BAR
1193B Eglin Parkway, Shalimar
850-651-5100
When: Monday-Friday, 11 AM-7 PM
Drink Specials: \$1 off all Twisted (house) wines.

Dawn Bright's Best Advice Ever

Editor Manson asked "Dear Dawn" if anyone has ever given here, and her answer was a resounding "YES!" Here are five of her favorites.

1. In 2015 I suffered the loss of a beloved pet. It was a tragic accident that left me sobbing nightly in my armchair for weeks. One night I called my sister during a particularly heartbreaking episode and told her, "I'll never be able to have a little dog again." I had two very large dogs that I didn't think would accept a newcomer. They seemed so much more relaxed now that my tiny dog was gone. It would just be too hard. She listened, and then said, "Since when have you ever taken the easy way out? You never have. Why start now?" The next day I selected two Chihuahuas from PAWS and brought them home. Has it been easy? Not always. Has it been worth it? Absolutely! My sister's reminder that I'm not an "easy way out" kind of person was great advice. I can't imagine life without them.
2. Back in the '80s, I was working with a group of engineers on a big software project. My office mate was about 10 years older than me, and in her free time was a rock climber. She always had a lot of stories to tell about her experiences, which I enjoyed but couldn't always remember the details of. If she told me she had climbed with "Jim," for example, I'd have to ask, "Who were you with again?" One day I apologized after asking a series of repeated questions, saying I had a really bad memory. She looked at me for a second and then said, "You don't have a bad memory. You're a bad listener." I thought about that and immediately changed my ways. I learned how to actively listen, focus on the conversation, and ask relevant questions at appropriate times. To this day I thank her for that life-changing advice.
3. My father was an amazing handyman. He could build or fix anything. And in his lifetime, he taught me a ton about the "do it yourself" arena. No matter what he was teaching me, though, he always had this to say: "If you're going to do it, do it right." We lost him in 2017, but whenever I'm hanging a coat rack, painting a room or building a piece of furniture, I can feel him looking over my shoulder reminding me to do it right. And so I do. If I screw up I take it down, patch up my mistake, and try again. Yes, it may take a few tries, but I'll eventually get it right. Thank you, Daddy!
4. And speaking of parents, let's not forget my mom. She was born in 1935. When she was in high school, she and a group of girls joined forces and wore jeans to high school one day. Why? Because girls weren't allowed to wear jeans. They knew they'd all be sent home, but they took a stand anyway. When she was a young adult, she asked her employer for a day off when her fiancée (my dad) was home on leave from the military for the weekend. The employer said no, she didn't have any kids and didn't have anything "important" to do. Mom called in sick, and when she returned and they asked her what was wrong with her, she told them she had something "important" to do. She knew she'd be fired, and she was, but she took a stand. There's more, a lot more, but here's what I know because of my mother—stand up for yourself and don't be afraid of the consequences. You'll look back at your life with pride in doing so.
5. And finally, this piece of advice was not given to me personally, but it's been around a long time. C.S. Lewis said, "Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching." And that is a great piece of advice. Having integrity 100 percent of the time may not always be possible, but it's certainly something to aim for.

Dawn Bright is an eternal optimist. And that's pretty much all you need to know about her. Email your questions to office@beachcomberdestin.com.

home. Sunni changed our beliefs on dogs with disabilities, and is the epitome of what positive attitude and a zest for life can do—no matter what circumstances stood in her way. Never meeting a stranger, Sunni is a complete ray of happiness and sunshine—actually, she could be the whole sun! We miss her at the Refuge, but know she's sharing happy smiles wherever she roams with her new mom.

The American Humane Hero Dog competition is divided into seven categories — Law Enforcement/Arson Dogs, Service Dogs, Therapy Dogs, Military Dogs, Guide/Hearing Dogs, Search and Rescue Dogs, and Shelter Dogs. There are three voting time periods including semi-finalist, category winner, and 2019 American Hero Dog winner.

As a result of each of their touching, individual stories, all four of these incredible animals are nominated in the semi-finalist round for their specific categories—Elsa for Therapy Dog, and Rufus, Saylor and Sunni for Shelter Dog.

Please consider voting for these special dogs, and help us get all four dogs to the next round of voting, The first round of semi-finalist voting ends at noon (PST) **May 2**. To cast your vote, visit herodogawards.org.

Three dogs will be named as semi-finalists in each of seven categories. From there, voting will again be announced and will narrow the field to one dog in each category. Please vote so you can help us send one or more of these amazing dogs to Hollywood for a star-studded awards gala, which will be broadcast nationwide on *Hallmark Channel* this fall. Seven canines will be featured on the show, and one will be awarded the 2019 American Hero Dog title.
- Mary Chris Murry

Carl Hiaasen CONTINUED...

Frequently he will respond by elbowing a visiting head of state out of the way, warmly beckoning you to his table and posing for photographs known as "selfies." He will have no idea who you are or why you're there, but he will put his arm around you and grin like you are a dear, beloved friend.

Before posting the picture on your Presidential-Access-For-Sale website, you may use the filter application on your cell phone camera to tone down the unusual apricot hue of the president's hair.

Afterward, as you depart Mar-a-Lago, cruise by the buffet table and bag up a pile of stone crab claws. This act should remove any suspicion that you're not a regular guest.

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AQUARIUS
JAN. 21 - FEB. 19



Mars is rooting around, causing a hectic period for romantic relationships. Remember what those are? It's been a while—now is the time for serious research. Try FarmersOnly.com or Tindr or something. It might be fun. It might not be.

PISCES
FEB. 20 - MAR. 20



Balance can be hard to find. Your problem is everything is aslant as though you were on a Tilt-A-Whirl. Socially, businesswise, on the family front...all is whirling. Your nausea is understandable. Dark rooms, aspirin, and a cold compress on your forehead might help.

ARIES
MAR. 21 - APR. 20



So far so good. And with Mercury and Venus joining in, things are about to get much better. Your social life continues to flourish and new friends appear from unusual places. One foot in front of the other, and life continues to be joyous.

TAURUS
APR. 21 - MAY 21



Hormones go berserk. You don't know whether to laugh or cry. When laughter and tears occur simultaneously, it can be difficult to avoid nausea and vomiting. Try to avoid confusing emotional wishes with realistic events.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21



Pluto goes retrograde, and your refusal to let go of brutally uncomfortable past events ruins just about everything. You seem to have a photographic memory, but you only remember the bad stuff. Ease up on that. Try to focus on the future.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 22



Venus is a ruse this month. All opportunities that present themselves are actually catastrophes waiting to happen. And you won't have to wait long. Find a library and hide way back in the stacks of the reference area and do not frequent cafés or bars. Lucky number is 114.

LEO
JULY 23 - AUG. 23



Mercury is morphing again, and that leaves you with a bothersome relationship. Any new relationships will be more cumbersome than the one you've got now. So forget it—make up with that special person. At least you'll be miserable with someone you know.

VIRGO
AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23



Accept no invitations. Do not try the latest exercise or diet fad. Avoid new relationships. Changing your pitiful routine could be catastrophic. Just keep waddling away at mundane tasks like always—it's not much, but it's safer than any possible alternative.

LIBRA
SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23



Libras have been on a roll for a long, long time, and that roll will continue...quite possibly forever. It's even more than the alignment of the stars—there's something so special about Libras' ability to succeed, thrive, flourish, and live life in an exemplary manner. Hats off to Libras.

SCORPIO
OCT. 24 - NOV. 22



You are doomed to learn new things about yourself. For God's sake, steer way away from introspection. The deeper you look, the nastier it gets. Forget about the past and try to somehow look forward. Not far forward. Just a little bit. The past is not friendly.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV. 23 - DEC. 21



You need a total makeover—not just physically and mentally. You need to rearrange your work habits, leisure activities and love life in a way that makes some kind of basic sense. Try hiring a life coach. It's a long shot, but you never know.

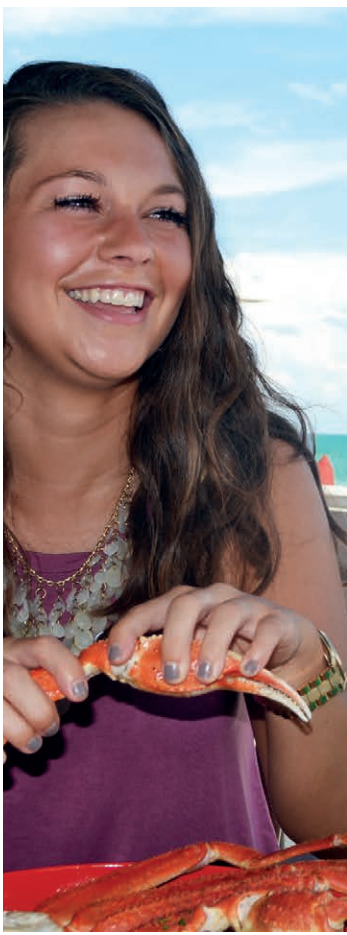
CAPRICORN
DEC. 22 - JAN. 20



Pluto is pushing, and you can feel it. Remember when scabs form or when chancres dry up or when your scalp itches, that can all be a form of healing. Or it could point to severe physical ailments. Stay away from doctors—try some sort of Shaman.

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